

26 State Constitution of 1885, as preserved by s. (6) (e), Art. VIII
 27 of the State Constitution.

28 Section 2. Section 30.53, Florida Statutes, is amended to
 29 read:

30 30.53 Independence of constitutional officials.—The
 31 independence of the sheriffs, including a sheriff in a
 32 consolidated government, consolidated pursuant to s. 3, Art.
 33 VIII of the State Constitution or ss. 9, 10, 11, and 24, Art.
 34 VIII of the State Constitution of 1885, as preserved by s.
 35 (6) (e), Art. VIII of the State Constitution, shall be preserved
 36 concerning the purchase and procurement of supplies and
 37 equipment, selection of personnel, and the hiring, firing, and
 38 setting of salaries of such personnel; provided that nothing
 39 herein contained shall restrict the establishment or operation
 40 of any civil service system or civil service board created
 41 pursuant to s. 14, Art. III, of the State Constitution,
 42 provided, further that nothing contained in ss. 30.48–30.53
 43 shall be construed to alter, modify or change in any manner any
 44 civil service system or board, state or local, now in existence
 45 or hereafter established.

46 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.