

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
DIGEST FOR SB 578**

Citations Affected: IC 36-8.

Synopsis: County sheriff employment matters. Allows a sheriff in a county with a population of more than 50,000 to establish temporary administrative ranks and positions and appoint and remove county officers to the temporary positions without the approval of the sheriff's merit board. Provides that a county officer appointed to a temporary position must have served as a county officer in the county for at least five years before appointment. Provides that a county officer appointed to a temporary administrative position maintains the officer's rank, grade, or position. Requires a sheriff in a county with a population of more than 50,000 to establish written rules and regulations governing the discipline of county police officers with the approval of the merit board. Establishes seniority rules to be followed when a sheriff reduces the number of employees or fills vacancies after a reduction in force. Makes a technical amendment. (This conference committee report removes a provision that allows rather than requires a sheriff to appoint a prison matron for the county and makes a technical amendment.)

Effective: July 1, 1999.

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MR. PRESIDENT:

Your Conference Committee appointed to confer with a like committee from the House upon Engrossed House Amendments to Engrossed Engrossed Senate Bill No. 578 respectfully reports that said two committees have conferred and agreed as follows to wit:

that the Senate recede from its dissent from all House amendments and that the Senate now concur in all House amendments to the bill and that the bill be further amended as follows:

- 1 Page 1, delete lines 1 through 16.
- 2 Page 2, delete lines 1 through 7.
- 3 Page 2, line 37, after "five" insert "(5)".
- 4 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
(Reference is to ESB 578 as reprinted April 9, 1999.)

Conference Committee Report
on
Senate Bill 578

Signed by:

Senator Meeks C

Representative Sturtz

Senator Mrvan

Representative Yount

Senate Conferees

House Conferees