
HOUSE BILL 2375

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By Representative Nixon

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1 AN ACT Relating to the duty of sheriffs to investigate allegations
2 against public officials; and amending RCW 36.28.010.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.28.010 and 1965 c 92 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The sheriff is the chief executive officer and conservator of the
7 peace of the county. In the execution of his office, he and his
8 deputies:

9 (1) Shall arrest and commit to prison all persons who break the
10 peace, or attempt to break it, and all persons guilty of public
11 offenses;

12 (2) Shall defend the county against those who, by riot or
13 otherwise, endanger the public peace or safety;

14 (3) Shall execute the process and orders of the courts of justice
15 or judicial officers, when delivered for that purpose, according to
16 law;

17 (4) Shall execute all warrants delivered for that purpose by other
18 public officers, according to the provisions of particular statutes;

1 (5) Shall attend the sessions of the courts of record held within
2 the county, and obey their lawful orders or directions;

3 (6) Shall keep and preserve the peace in their respective counties,
4 and quiet and suppress all affrays, riots, unlawful assemblies and
5 insurrections, for which purpose, and for the service of process in
6 civil or criminal cases, and in apprehending or securing any person for
7 felony or breach of the peace, they may call to their aid such persons,
8 or power of their county as they may deem necessary;

9 (7) Shall investigate, upon formal request by a county executive,
10 county prosecutor, or county legislative body, or by a municipal
11 executive, municipal attorney, or municipal legislative body,
12 allegations of bribery, corruption, fraud, or other forms of crimes,
13 malfeasance, or misconduct on the part of any elected or appointed
14 official or officer of the county or municipality.

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