

# SB0156S01 compared with SB0156

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**Constable Amendments**  
2026 GENERAL SESSION  
STATE OF UTAH  
**Chief Sponsor: Todd Weiler**  
House Sponsor:



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3 **LONG TITLE**

4 **General Description:**

5 This bill allows a constable to establish a payment schedule with an individual instead of seizing the individual's property, under certain circumstances.

7 **Highlighted Provisions:**

8 This bill:

9 ▶ allows a constable to establish a payment schedule with an individual instead of seizing the individual's property, under certain circumstances; and

11 ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

12 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

13 None

14 **Other Special Clauses:**

15 None

16 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

17 AMENDS:

18 **17-78-603** , as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 14

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **17-78-603** is amended to read:

**17-78-603. Term -- Authority -- Deputies.**

(1)

(a) Constables appointed by a county are appointed for terms of six years and may serve more than one term if reappointed by the appointing body.

(b) Notwithstanding the law in place at the time a constable was appointed, the term of a constable appointed on or after July 1, 2018, expires six years after the day on which the term began.

(2)

(a) Appointed constables serving process outside the county in which they are appointed shall contact the sheriff's office or police department of the jurisdiction before serving executions or seizing any property.

(b) An appointed constable or a deputy of an appointed constable shall notify the agency of jurisdiction by contacting the sheriff's office or police department of jurisdiction before serving a warrant of arrest.

(3) The appointed constable may, upon approval of the appointing county, employ and deputize persons who are certified as special function peace officers to function as deputy constables.

(4) If the county legislative body withdraws the authority of an appointed constable, the authority of all deputy constables employed or deputized by the appointed constable is also withdrawn.

(5) If the authority of a constable or deputy constable is withdrawn under Subsection (4), the county shall notify the Peace Officer Standards and Training Division of the Department of Public Safety in accordance with Section 53-6-209.

(6) A constable, contracted or appointed, shall:

(a) attend the justice courts within the constable's county when required by contract or court order; and

(b) execute, serve, and return all process directed or delivered to the constable by a judge of the justice court serving the county, or by any competent authority within the limits of this section.

(7) A constable, contracted or appointed, may:

(a) serve any process throughout the state; ~~and~~

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(b) ~~{ in lieu of seizing }~~ with the ~~{ property of }~~ approval of a party directing the constable to seize an ~~{ individual }~~ individual's property, establish a payment schedule with the individual in lieu of seizing the individual's property; and

54 [(b)] (c) carry out all other functions associated with a constable.

55 (8) A constable shall serve exclusively as an agent for:

56 (a) the government entity that has a contract with the constable;

57 (b) the county that appointed the constable; or

58 (c) the court authorizing or directing the constable.

59 (9) Except as otherwise provided in this part, a constable may not serve as an agent, or be considered to be serving as an agent, for a person that is not described in Subsection (8).

62 Section 2. **Effective date.**

Effective Date.

This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.

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