

Constable Modifications

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill regulates the practice of a constable.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- modifies the process by which a city or county may contract with a constable;
- beginning January 1, 2027, requires that an individual contracted by a municipality or county to act as a constable hold a constable license;
- enacts the Constables Licensing Act;
- creates the Constables Licensing Board (board);
- describes the membership, duties, and powers of the board;
- describes the duties of the Division of Professional Licensing in regard to individuals who apply for or receive licensure (licensees);
- provides an exemption from licensure for certain licensees performing certain services;
- describes unlawful and unprofessional conduct by a licensee or an unlicensed individual performing like a licensee;
- provides a disciplinary process;
- provides for state preemption of local regulation of constables; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

10-7-87, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 14

17-78-601, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session,

31 Chapter 14
32 **17-78-602**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session,
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38 **17-78-605**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session,
39 Chapter 14
40 **17-78-606**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session,
41 Chapter 14
42 **58-1-301.5**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 236
43 **76-6-1403**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 111
44 **76-8-301**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 96
45 **78B-2-304**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 3
46 **78B-6-801**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 264
47 **78B-7-102**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 212, 332
48 **78B-8-302**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 291
49 **78B-8-303**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 3

50 ENACTS:

51 **58-91-101**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
52 **58-91-102**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
53 **58-91-103**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
54 **58-91-104**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
55 **58-91-201**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
56 **58-91-202**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
57 **58-91-301**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
58 **58-91-302**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
59 **58-91-303**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
60 **58-91-304**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
61 **58-91-306**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
62 **58-91-401**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
63 **58-91-501**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
64 **58-91-502**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

65 **58-91-503**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

66 **58-91-601**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

67 RENUMBERS AND AMENDS:

68 **58-91-305**, (Renumbered from 17-78-607, as renumbered and amended by Laws of
69 Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 14)

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

72 Section 1. Section **10-7-87** is amended to read:

73 **10-7-87 . Cities authorized to contract with constables.**

74 (1) A city may[~~appoint or~~] contract with a constable to provide services described in Title
75 17, Chapter 78, Part 6, Constables, the same as if the city were a county.
76 (2) A constable that is [~~appointed or~~]contracted with a city shall comply with the
77 provisions of Title 17, Chapter 78, Part 6, Constables, in regard to the city the same as if
78 the city were a county.

79 Section 2. Section **17-78-601** is amended to read:

80 **17-78-601 . County legislative body to determine whether to contract with
81 constables -- Contract requirements.**

82 [(1)(a)(i) ~~The legislative body of a county shall determine whether to appoint one or
83 more constables to serve in the county.]~~

84 [(ii) ~~If a county decides to appoint constables, the county shall nominate and appoint
85 constables in accordance with this chapter.]~~

86 [(b)(i) ~~Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(a), a constable holding office on July 1,
87 2019, may complete the constable's term.]~~

88 [(ii) ~~A constable shall serve any subsequent terms the constable may serve in
89 accordance with this part.]~~

90 (1) Beginning January 1, 2027, a county may not contract with a constable who is not
91 licensed under Title 58, Chapter 91, Constables Licensing Act.

92 (2) To [~~nominate~~] select a constable for a county contract, the legislative body of a county
93 of the first or second class shall establish a nominating commission.

94 (a) The county nominating commission shall consist of:

95 (i) one member of the county legislative governing body or the member's designee;
96 (ii) one judge or the judge's designee;
97 (iii) the county attorney or the county attorney's designee;
98 (iv) the district attorney or the district attorney's designee;

99 (v) the sheriff of the county or the sheriff's designee; and
100 (vi) one private citizen.

101 (b) The nominating commission described in this Subsection (2) shall review each
102 applicant's credentials and, by majority vote, recommend to the legislative governing
103 body of the county the nominees the nominating commission finds most qualified.

104 (c) The county legislative body shall either [appoint] select or reject any nominee that the
105 nominating commission recommends under Subsection (2)(b).

106 (3) The legislative body of a county of the third, fourth, fifth, or sixth class may [appoint]
107 select a constable on a recommendation from:

108 (a) the county sheriff and the county attorney; or
109 (b) the chief of police.

110 (4) A county legislative body that [appoints] selects a constable under this section [may]
111 shall issue to the constable a contract including, at minimum, the following provisions:
112 (a) the scope of the services the county seeks from the constable, including any deputy
113 constables the constable hires in accordance with Section 17-78-602;
114 (b) the circumstances in which the county shall indemnify the constable and deputy
115 constables, if any;
116 (c) the circumstances in which the constable shall indemnify the county, if any;
117 (d) [withdraw the authority of the constable for cause, including if] that the county may
118 cancel the contract for cause at any time and shall cancel the contract if:
119 (i) the constable's peace officer certification is suspended or revoked under Section
120 53-6-211[.] ; or
121 (ii) beginning January 1, 2027, the constable's license is suspended or revoked by the
122 Division of Professional Licensing in accordance with the provisions of Title 58,
123 Chapter 91, Constables Licensing Act;
124 (e) the minimum levels of insurance coverage the county requires the constable to carry;
125 (f) whether the county requires the constable to provide a bond, and if so, at what level;
126 (g) the remuneration owed to the constable under the contract for services rendered to
127 the county, if different than the fees described in this part or not otherwise set in
128 county ordinance; and
129 (h) a maximum term of four years.

130 [(5) In addition to the appointment process described in Subseetions (1) through (4), the

131 legislative body of a county where a justice court exists may contract with a constable to

132 provide services in criminal cases for the contracting governmental entity by a method

133 and for an amount mutually agreed upon.]

134 [(6)(a) A contract between a county legislative body and a constable, including a
135 contract described in Subsection (5), may not exceed four years.]

136 [(b) A contract described in Subsection (6)(a) may be renewed or extended for a period
137 not to exceed four years.]

138 (5) A contract described in Subsection (4) may be renewed or extended by written
139 amendment for up to four years per written amendment.

140 (6) If a county and an appointed constable fail to negotiate and execute a contract in
141 accordance with this section, the constable may not fulfill the duties described in this
142 part for the county.

143 (7) If a county terminates a contract described in Subsection (4), the county shall notify the
144 Division of Professional Licensing.

145 (8) Contracting for constable services does not constitute a procurement and a county that
146 issues a contract to a constable as described in this part is not required to comply with
147 procurement processes described in Section 17-63-506 in regard to that contract.

148 Section 3. Section **17-78-602** is amended to read:

149 **17-78-602 . Contracted constable authority and duties -- Constables to serve
150 process in certain circumstances.**

151 [(1) To qualify as a constable, an individual shall be certified as a special function peace
152 officer in the state.]

153 [(2)] (1)(a) A constable who has a contract with a county as described in Section
154 17-78-601:

155 (i) shall:

156 [(a)] (A) avoid all conflicts of interest; and

157 [(b)] (B) maintain a public office and be accessible to the public and to the court
158 during the hours the court is open[.] ; and

159 (ii) may hire one or more constables to serve as the constable's deputies.

160 (b) Beginning July 1, 2027, a deputy constable shall be licensed under Title 58, Chapter
161 91, Constables Licensing Act.

162 (c) A deputy constable acting at the direction and general control of the constable who
163 holds a contract with a county, as described in Section 17-78-601, may fulfill any
164 duty of a constable described in this part unless the action is limited in or specifically
165 prohibited by the contract between the constable and the county.

166 (d) A constable may contract to provide constable services with more than one county,

167 so long as:

168 (i) the constable informs each county, in writing; and
169 (ii) the constable is able to fulfill all the duties for each county that are described:
170 (A) in this part; and
171 (B) in any contract between the constable and a county.

172 [(3)] (2) In cases where [it appears in any court of record that] the sheriff is a party, or where
173 an affidavit is filed with the clerk of the court stating partiality, prejudice, consanguinity,
174 or interest on the part of the sheriff[,:]

175 (a) the clerk of the court shall direct process to any licensed constable[of the county,
176 whose duty it shall be to] ; and
177 (b) the constable chosen by the clerk under Subsection (2)(a) shall execute [it] process in
178 the same manner as if the constable were sheriff.

179 Section 4. Section **17-78-603** is amended to read:

180 **17-78-603 . Activity outside a jurisdiction -- Constables to provide service to**
181 **justice courts in certain circumstances -- Agent of governmental entity in certain**
182 **circumstances.**

183 [(1)(a) Constables appointed by a county are appointed for terms of six years and may
184 serve more than one term if reappointed by the appointing body.]
185 [(b) Notwithstanding the law in place at the time a constable was appointed, the term of
186 a constable appointed on or after July 1, 2018, expires six years after the day on
187 which the term began.]

188 [(2)] (1)(a) [Appointed constables] A constable who is serving process outside the county [
189 in which they are appointed] with which the constable holds a contract, as described
190 in Section 17-78-601, shall contact the sheriff's office or police department of the
191 jurisdiction before serving executions or seizing any property in the jurisdiction.

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

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

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

201 [({5}) If the authority of a constable or deputy constable is withdrawn under Subsection (4),
202 the county shall notify the Peace Officer Standards and Training Division of the
203 Department of Public Safety in accordance with Section 53-6-209.]

204 [({6}) A constable, contracted or appointed, shall:]

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

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

210 [({7}) A constable, contracted or appointed, may:]

211 [(a) serve any process throughout the state; and]

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

213 [({8}) A constable shall serve exclusively as an agent for:]

214 [(a) the government entity that has a contract with the constable;]

215 [(b) the county that appointed the constable; or]

216 [(c) the court authorizing or directing the constable.]

217 (2) A county may require a contracted constable to:

218 (a) attend the justice courts within the county; and

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

222 (3) When acting under Subsection (1) or (2), or Section 17-78-605, the constable shall serve
223 exclusively as an agent for:

224 (a) the county that authorizes and directs the constable's action; or

225 (b) the court authorizing or directing the constable's action.

226 (4) Notwithstanding Subsection (3):

227 (a) a county that contracts with a constable under this part may authorize residents of
228 and businesses in the county to request the constable's services in civil matters,
229 subject to fees described in Section 17-78-604; and

230 (b) a constable may take any action in a civil matter:

231 (i) that the constable is licensed to perform;

232 (ii) for a private client;

233 (iii) that is not prohibited by a contract described in Section 17-78-601;

234 (iv) does not constitute a conflict of interest; and

235 (v) does not interfere with the constable's duty to be accessible to the court and the
236 public as described in Section 17-78-602.

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

239 Section 5. Section **17-78-604** is amended to read:

240 **17-78-604 . Constables in civil actions -- Fees for constables.**

241 (1) [Constables] A constable who holds a county contract described in Section 17-78-601
242 may, for the constable's own use, collect as compensation in civil matters the same fees
243 as those specified for sheriffs in Section 17-72-304.

244 (2) Constable fees that exceed the amounts in Section 17-72-304 are recoverable:

245 (a) by the constable only if the constable [has received] receives prior approval for the
246 increased fee from the party requesting the service; and
247 (b) by a prevailing party as a cost of the action, [only] if the court finds the service and
248 increased fee are justifiable.

249 (3)(a) A county may, by resolution or ordinance, establish fees for constable services in
250 addition to or in excess of the fees described in Section 17-72-304.

251 (b) A county may:

252 (i) charge and collect a fee for constable services in a civil matter directly from the
253 county resident who requests the services and remit the fee to the constable; or
254 (ii) authorize the constable to directly charge and collect a fee for constable services
255 in a civil matter, in accordance with this section and any fees established by the
256 county under Subsection (3)(a).

257 (4) Nothing in this section prohibits a constable from charging a private client a fee in a
258 civil matter in which the county is not involved according to mutually agreed upon terms
259 between the constable and the private client unless the fee is prohibited by another
260 provision of law.

261 Section 6. Section **17-78-605** is amended to read:

262 **17-78-605 . Constables in criminal actions -- Fees for constables.**

263 (1)(a) A constable may only take action in a criminal matter:

264 (i) at the direction of a county with which the constable holds a contract;
265 (ii) according to the terms of the contract between the constable and the county; and
266 (iii) after January 1, 2027, if the constable is licensed.

267 (b) For purposes of Subsection (1)(a)(i), taking action at the direction of a county
268 includes acting at the direction or request of:

269 (i) the county attorney for the county;
270 (ii) the district attorney for the county;
271 (iii) the county sheriff;
272 (iv) a justice court judge in the county; or
273 (v) an individual designated in the contract between the county and the constable as
274 an individual able to direct or request the constable's action in a criminal matter.

275 (2)(a) Except as provided in [Subsections (3) and (6), a] Subsections (4) and (7), a county
276 shall pay a contracted constable [shall be paid] in criminal matters for each copy of a
277 summons, subpoena, notice, court order, or other criminal paper as follows:
278 (i) \$5 for each defendant served; and
279 (ii) mileage of \$1 per mile for each mile necessarily traveled in going only, to be
280 computed from either the courthouse, or when transmitted by mail, from the post
281 office where received.

282 (b) If more than one trip is necessary to serve, or diligently attempt to serve, service of
283 process, a constable may collect mileage charges for more than two trips only if the
284 party requesting the service of process has approved the additional mileage charges.
285 (c) A constable shall individually document each charge under this Subsection [4] (2)
286 on the affidavit of return of service.

287 [4] (3) If a constable serves process in a county other than the county where the process
288 originated, travel expenses may not exceed the fee that would be charged if served by
289 the sheriff of that county under Chapter 72, County Sheriff.

290 [4] (4)(a) [A] A contracted constable acting under this chapter may charge a county a
291 fee of \$1 for each mile traveled for the purpose of serving, or to diligently attempt
292 service of, a warrant of arrest, both in going to and returning from the defendant's
293 address.
294 (b) If more than one trip is necessary to serve, or diligently attempt to serve, a warrant of
295 arrest, a constable may collect no more than two additional mileage charges.
296 (c) A constable shall individually document each charge under this Subsection [4] (4)
297 on the affidavit of return of service.

298 [4] (5) For arresting [a prisoner] an individual and bringing the [prisoner] individual into
299 court, or otherwise satisfying a warrant, a constable may charge the county a fee of \$15.

300 [4] (6)[(a) Accounts against the county filed by constables for services in criminal cases
301 shall be:]
302 [(t) certified as correct by the county attorney or district attorney; and]

303 [~~(iii) presented to the auditor.~~]

304 (a) Constables shall bill the county for services in criminal cases according to the terms
305 of the constable's contract and this section.

306 (b) Upon receipt of a bill from a constable, the county attorney or district attorney shall:
307 (i) certify the bill if the bill is correct; and
308 (ii) provide the certified bill to the county auditor or finance officer.

309 [~~(b)~~] (c) The county legislative body may reject constable bills in all causes or
310 proceedings in which the county attorney or district attorney has not authorized the
311 issuance of the warrant of arrest in writing.

312 [~~(6)~~] (7) A county may, [~~by contract with a constable, establish lower~~] in the contract
313 described in Section 17-78-601, establish different fees for services than the fees
314 described in this section.

315 Section 7. Section **17-78-606** is amended to read:

316 **17-78-606 . Fees for constable service of process -- Exception.**

317 [~~(1) The rates recoverable through court action for service of process by a constable are~~
318 ~~governed by Section 17-72-304, 17-78-601, or 17-78-605, when applicable.~~]

319 [~~(2) (1) The legislative body of a county that contracts with a constable may set a fee by~~
320 ~~ordinance, in accordance with Section 17-64-501, for a service provided by the~~
321 ~~constable the same as the county legislative body sets fees for a county sheriff as~~
322 ~~described in Section 17-72-304.~~]

323 (2) Constable fees that exceed the amounts in Section 17-72-304 are recoverable in court:
324 (a) by the constable only if the constable has received prior approval for the increased
325 fee from the party requesting the service; and
326 (b) by a prevailing party as a cost of the action only if the court finds the service and
327 increased fee are justifiable.

328 Section 8. Section **58-1-301.5** is amended to read:

329 **58-1-301.5 . Division access to Bureau of Criminal Identification records. --**

330 **Criminal background check requirement.**

331 (1) As used in this section, "applicant" means an individual applying for licensure or
332 certification, or with respect to a license or certification, applying for renewal,
333 reinstatement, or relicensure or recertification, as required in:
334 (a) Section 58-5a-302;
335 (b) Section 58-16a-302;
336 (c) Section 58-17b-303;

337 (d) Section 58-17b-304;
338 (e) Section 58-17b-305;
339 (f) Section 58-17b-306;
340 (g) Section 58-24b-302;
341 (h) Section 58-31b-302;
342 (i) Section 58-42a-302;
343 (j) Section 58-44a-302;
344 (k) Section 58-47b-302;
345 (l) Section 58-55-302;
346 (m) Section 58-47b-302.2;
347 (n) Section 58-60-205;
348 (o) Section 58-60-305;
349 (p) Section 58-60-405;
350 (q) Section 58-60-506;
351 (r) Section 58-61-304;
352 (s) Section 58-63-302;
353 (t) Section 58-64-302;
354 (u) Section 58-67-302;
355 (v) Section 58-68-302;
356 (w) Section 58-69-302;
357 (x) Section 58-70a-302;
358 (y) Section 58-70b-302;
359 (z) Section 58-71-302;[~~or~~]
360 (aa) Section 58-73-302[~~or~~] ; or
361 (bb) Section 58-91-103.

362 (2) The division shall have direct access to local files maintained by the Bureau of Criminal
363 Identification under Title 53, Chapter 10, Part 2, Bureau of Criminal Identification, for
364 background screening of an applicant.

365 (3) The division's access to criminal background information under this section:
366 (a) shall meet the requirements of Section 53-10-108; and
367 (b) includes:
368 (i) convictions, pleas of nolo contendere, pleas of guilty or nolo contendere held in
369 abeyance, dismissed charges, and charges without a known disposition; and
370 (ii) criminal background information maintained under Title 53, Chapter 10, Part 2,

Bureau of Criminal Identification.

- (4) The division may not disseminate outside of the division any criminal history record information that the division obtains from the Bureau of Criminal Identification or the Federal Bureau of Investigation under the criminal background check requirements of this section.
- (5) To fulfill an applicable criminal background check requirement, an applicant shall:
 - (a) submit fingerprints in a form acceptable to the division at the time the applicant files a license application or a registration; and
 - (b) consent to a fingerprint background check conducted by the Bureau of Criminal Identification and the Federal Bureau of Investigation regarding the application.
- (6)(a) Upon receiving fingerprints from an applicant in accordance with Subsection (5), the division shall:
 - (i) collect from each applicant submitting fingerprints in accordance with this section:
 - (A) the fee that the Bureau of Criminal Identification is authorized to collect for the services provided under Section 53-10-108; and
 - (B) the fee charged by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for fingerprint processing for the purpose of obtaining federal criminal history record information;
 - (ii) submit from each applicant the fingerprints and the fees described in Subsection (6)(a)(i) to the Bureau of Criminal Identification; and
 - (iii) obtain and retain in division records a signed waiver approved by the Bureau of Criminal Identification in accordance with Section 53-10-108 for each applicant.
- (b) The fees described in Subsection (6)(a)(i) are in addition to other fees authorized by this chapter.
- (7) In accordance with the requirements of Section 53-10-108, the Bureau of Criminal Identification shall:
 - (a) check the fingerprints submitted under Subsection (5)(a) against the applicable state and regional criminal records databases;
 - (b) forward the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history background check; and
 - (c) provide the results from the state, regional, and nationwide criminal history background checks to the division.
- (8)(a)(i) Notwithstanding Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act, if the criminal background check required under this section demonstrates, after the

405 applicant is licensed or registered, that the applicant failed to accurately disclose a
406 criminal history, the division may provide notice to the applicant that the license
407 or registration is immediately and automatically revoked.

408 (ii) If a massage establishment owner has a criminal conviction or pending criminal
409 charges for any crime under Title 76, Chapter 5, Part 4, Sexual Offenses, or any
410 crime listed by rule made by the division in collaboration with the board in
411 accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
412 division shall deny an application for registration of a massage establishment.

413 (b)(i) An individual whose license has been revoked in accordance with Subsection
414 (8)(a) is entitled to a hearing to challenge the revocation.

415 (ii) A registered massage establishment for which the registration has been revoked
416 in accordance with Subsection (8)(a) is entitled to a hearing to challenge the
417 revocation.

418 (c) The division shall conduct the hearing described in this Subsection (8) in accordance
419 with Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act.

420 Section 9. Section **58-91-101** is enacted to read:

421 **CHAPTER 91. Constables Licensing Act**

422 **Part 1. General Provisions**

423 **58-91-101 . Definitions.**

424 In addition to the definitions in Section 58-1-102, as used in this chapter:

425 (1) "Adequate records" means records containing, at a minimum, sufficient information to
426 identify the client, the dates of service, the fee for service, the payments for service, the
427 type of service given, and copies of any reports that may have been made.

428 (2) "Advertising" means the submission of bids, contracting or making known by any
429 public notice, publication, or solicitation of business, directly or indirectly, that services
430 regulated under this chapter are available for consideration.

431 (3) "Applicant" means a person who has submitted to the division a completed application
432 and all required application and processing fees.

433 (4) "Board" means the Constables Licensing Board established in Section 58-91-201.

434 (5) "Client" means a private individual or private entity that requests civil services from a
435 licensed constable for pay.

436 (6) "Constable" means an individual who is licensed as a constable under this chapter and
437 who performs one or more of the duties described in Section 58-91-301.

438 (7) "Contracting governmental entity" means:

439 (a) a county that contracts with a constable as described in Title 17, Chapter 78, Part 6,
Constables; or

440 (b) a city that contracts with a constable as described in Section 10-7-87.

441 (8) "Conviction" means an adjudication of guilt by a federal, state, or local court resulting
442 from a trial or plea, including a plea of no contest or nolo contendere, regardless of
443 whether the imposition of sentence was suspended.

444 (9) "Emergency action" means a summary suspension of a license issued under this chapter
445 pending revocation, suspension, or probation, in order to protect the public health,
446 safety, or welfare.

447 (10) "Identification card" means a personal pocket- or wallet-size card issued by the
448 division to a licensee.

449 (11) "Law enforcement agency" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53-1-102.

450 (12) "Licensee" means a person to whom a license is issued under this chapter.

451 (13) "Occupied structure" means any edifice, including residential and public buildings,
452 vehicles, or any other structure that could reasonably be expected to house or shelter
453 persons.

454 (14) "Peace officer" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53-1-102.

455 (15) "Prisoner" means the same as that term is defined in Section 17-72-101.

456 (16) "Special function officer" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53-13-105.

457 (17) "Supervision" means the employing licensee is responsible for and authorizes the type
458 and extent of work assigned to an employee or independent contractor.

459 (18) "Unlawful conduct" means the same as that term is defined in Sections 58-1-501 and
460 58-91-801.

461 (19) "Unprofessional conduct" means the same as that term is defined in Sections 58-1-501
462 and 58-91-802, and as may be further defined by the board by rule.

463 Section 10. Section **58-91-102** is enacted to read:

464 **58-91-102 . Division administration -- Rulemaking.**

465 (1) The division shall keep records of:

466 (a) all applications for licenses under this chapter; and

467 (b) proof of workers' compensation required to be filed.

468 (2) If a license is revoked, suspended, or canceled, or a license is denied or placed on
probation, the division shall ensure the date of filing the order for revocation,
suspension, cancellation, denial, or probation is included in a record described in

472 Subsection (1).

473 (3) The division shall maintain:

474 (a) a list of all individuals, firms, partnerships, associations, or corporations that have
475 had a license revoked, suspended, placed on probation, or canceled; and

476 (b) a written record of complaints filed against licensees.

477 (4)(a) The division may make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
478 Administrative Rulemaking Act, as necessary to administer this chapter.

479 (b) Rules described in Subsection (4)(a) shall include a requirement that all providers
480 offering instruction or continuing instruction required for licensure under this chapter
481 shall offer the courses to all applicants at the same course fees, in order to be
482 qualified by the board.

483 (5) All records described in this section are open to the public under Title 63G, Chapter 2,
484 Government Records Access and Management Act, except licensees' residential
485 addresses and telephone numbers.

486 Section 11. Section **58-91-103** is enacted to read:

487 **58-91-103 . License classifications -- Background checks -- Prohibited acts --**

488 **Division to issue licenses.**

489 (1) An applicant for a license described in this chapter shall:

490 (a) consent to, and complete, a criminal background check, described in Section
491 58-1-301.5;
492 (b) meet any other standard related to the criminal background check described in
493 Subsection (2)(a) that the division establishes by rule in accordance with Title 63G,
494 Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act; and
495 (c) disclose any criminal history the division requests on a form the division approves.

496 (2)(a) The division shall set initial licensing fees, renewal fees, and delinquency fees:

497 (i) by license classification, as described in Section 58-91-103;
498 (ii) in accordance with Section 63J-1-504; and
499 (iii) in accordance with this section.

500 (b) The division shall collect fingerprinting fees in accordance with Section 58-1-301.5.

501 (3) A person may not:

502 (a) act or assume to act as, or claim to be, a licensee unless the person is licensed under
503 this chapter; or
504 (b) falsely represent that the person is employed by a licensee.

505 (4) The division shall, under the direction of the board, issue licenses to applicants who

506 qualify for a license under this chapter.

507 (5) A license issued under this chapter is not transferable or assignable.

508 Section 12. Section **58-91-104** is enacted to read:

509 **58-91-104 . Use of money for education, training, and enforcement.**

510 The director may, with the concurrence of the board, use fines collected under Section
511 58-91-803 for the following purposes:

512 (1) educating and training licensees under this chapter;

513 (2) educating and training the general public in matters concerning the laws that govern
514 practices licensed under this chapter; and

515 (3) enforcing this chapter by:

516 (a) investigating unprofessional or unlawful conduct; and

517 (b) providing legal representation to the division when the division takes legal action
518 against an individual charged with unprofessional or unlawful conduct.

519 Section 13. Section **58-91-201** is enacted to read:

520 **Part 2. Board**

521 **58-91-201 . Board -- Duties.**

522 (1) There is created the Constables Licensing Board.

523 (2) The membership of the board consists of:

524 (a) one individual representing a county that:

525 (i) appointed or contracted with an unlicensed constable service before January 1,
526 2027; or

527 (ii) on or after January 1, 2027, is contracted with a licensed constable as described in
528 Title 17, Chapter 78, Part 6, Constables;

529 (b)(i) before January 1, 2027, an individual who has at least five years' experience
530 acting as a constable in the state; or

531 (ii) beginning January 1, 2027, an individual who is licensed under Title 58, Chapter
532 91, Constables Licensing Act;

533 (c) a sheriff or chief of police;

534 (d) one individual:

535 (i) representing the legal community; and

536 (ii) with experience utilizing constable services as a client; and

537 (e) a member of the public who:

538 (i) does not have a financial interest in a constable business; and

539 (ii) does not have an immediate family member or a household member, or a personal

or professional acquaintance, who is licensed or registered under this chapter.

(3)(a)(i) The executive director shall appoint board members in accordance with Section 58-1-201.

(ii) In making the appointment of the board member described in Subsection (2)(a), the executive director shall consider nominees put forth by the Utah Association of Counties.

(b) A board member shall be a citizen of the United States and a resident of this state at the time of appointment.

(c) A board member serves in accordance with Section 58-1-201.

(4)(a) The board shall carry out the board's duties and responsibilities in accordance with Sections 58-1-202 and 58-1-203.

(b) The board shall designate one board member to:

(i) assist the division in reviewing a complaint regarding the unlawful or unprofessional conduct of an individual licensed under this chapter; and

(ii) advise the division in the division's investigation of a complaint described in Subsection (4)(b)(i).

(5) A board member who, under Subsection (4), has reviewed a complaint or advised in a complaint's investigation is disqualified from participating with the board when the board serves as a presiding officer in an adjudicative proceeding concerning the complaint.

Section 14. Section **58-91-202** is enacted to read:

58-91-202 . Powers and duties of the board.

(1) The board shall:

(a)(i) review all applications for licensing and renewals of licenses submitted by the division under this chapter; and

(ii) approve or disapprove applications;

(b) review all complaints and take disciplinary action; and

(c) establish standards for and approve providers of courses required for licensure.

(2) The board may take and hear evidence, administer oaths and affirmations, and compel by subpoena the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, papers, records, documents, and other information relating to:

(a) investigation of an applicant for licensure under this chapter; or

(b) a formal complaint against, or division investigation of, a constable.

Section 15. Section **58-91-301** is enacted to read:

574

Part 3. Licensing Constables

575 **58-91-301** . Scope of practice of a constable -- License required on or after
576 January 1, 2027.

577 (1) A constable may:

578 (a) serve legal documents throughout the state;
579 (b) serve any civil process throughout the state;
580 (c) when acting under the direction of a contracting governmental entity, arrest an
581 individual pursuant to an arrest warrant in any location in the state;
582 (d) when acting under the direction of a contracting governmental entity, transport a
583 prisoner within the state; and
584 (e) when acting under the direction of a justice court, take an action described in
585 Subsection 17-78-603(2).

586 (2) A constable who is acting under the direction of a contracting governmental entity shall
587 provide the division with a copy of the constable's contract with the contracting
588 governmental entity.

589 (3) Upon termination of a contract between a constable and a contracting governmental
590 entity, the constable shall notify the division no later than five business days after the
591 day on which the termination takes effect.

592 (4) Beginning January 1, 2027, a license is required to engage in the practice of a constable,
593 whether the constable engages a client, a contracting governmental entity, or both.

594 Section 16. Section **58-91-302** is enacted to read:

58-91-302 . Qualifications for licensure.

596 (1) Each applicant for licensure as a constable shall:

597 (a) be 19 years old or older;

598 (b) be trained and certified as a special function officer in the state, as described in
599 Section 53-13-105;

600 (c) submit an application in a form the division approves;

(d) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;

602 (e) provide evidence that the constable carries the minimum required insurance; and
603 (f) meet with the division and board, if requested by the division or the board.

604 (2) The division and board shall establish by rule, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3,
605 Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the type of insurance coverage and minimum
606 coverage amounts required for:

607 (a) a licensed constable who provides criminal services for a contracting governmental

608 entity, civil services for a contracting governmental entity, and civil services for a
609 client;

610 (b) a licensed constable who provides only civil services for a contracting governmental
611 entity or a client; and

612 (c) a licensed constable who provides only civil services for a client.

613 Section 17. Section **58-91-303** is enacted to read:

614 **58-91-303 . Term of license -- Expiration -- Renewal.**

615 (1)(a) The division shall issue each license under this chapter in accordance with a
616 two-year renewal cycle established by rule.

617 (b) The division may by rule extend or shorten a renewal period by as much as one year
618 to stagger the renewal cycles the division administers.

619 (2) Each license automatically expires on the expiration date shown on the license unless
620 the licensee renews the license in accordance with Section 58-1-308.

621 Section 18. Section **58-91-304** is enacted to read:

622 **58-91-304 . Exemptions from licensure.**

623 (1) In addition to the exemptions from licensure in Section 58-1-307, an individual may
624 engage in acts regulated under this chapter without being licensed under this chapter if
625 the individual is:

626 (a) a peace officer employed by a constable as provided in Subsection (2);

627 (b) licensed by the division under another chapter of this title to engage in the act; or

628 (c) a peace officer acting in the scope of the peace officer's employment.

629 (2) A peace officer may only engage in off-duty employment with a constable if:

630 (a) the law enforcement agency employing the peace officer has a written policy
631 regarding peace officer employees working while off duty as a constable and the
632 written policy addresses the issue of financial responsibility;

633 (b) the law enforcement agency's chief administrative officer, or that officer's designee,
634 provides written authorization for an off-duty peace officer to work as a constable;
635 and

636 (c) the client, contracting governmental entity, or licensed constable employing the
637 peace officer to work as a constable complies with state and federal income reporting
638 and withholding requirements regarding the off-duty law enforcement officer's wages.

639 Section 19. Section **58-91-305**, which is renumbered from Section 17-78-607 is renumbered
640 and amended to read:

641 **[17-78-607] 58-91-305 . Identification of constables -- Uniform requirements.**

642 (1) An individual licensed as a constable shall:

643 (a) carry a copy of the individual's license on the individual's person at all times while
acting as a constable; and

644 (b) display the license upon the request of a peace officer, a representative of the
division, or a member of the public.

645 (2) While performing a duty [described in Section 17-78-603] within the scope of practice
of a constable, as described in Section 58-91-301, a constable shall prominently display
a [badge or other]visible form of credentials and identification identifying:

646 (a) the individual as a constable;

647 (b) the individual's name; and

648 (c) the governmental contracting entity for which the constable is acting, if applicable.

649 [~~(e) the county for which the constable is appointed or contracted.~~]]

650 [(2)] (3) If a constable serves process, the constable shall:

651 (a) verbally communicate to the person being served that the constable is a constable;
652 and

653 (b) print on the first page of each document served:

654 (i) the constable's name and identification as a constable;

655 (ii) the county for which the constable is appointed; and

656 (iii) a business phone number for the constable.

657 [(3)] (4) If a constable wears a uniform, the uniform shall be clearly marked with the word
658 "constable" on the uniform shirt and, if applicable, the jacket.

659 Section 20. Section **58-91-306** is enacted to read:

660 **58-91-306 . Operating standards for constables -- Rulemaking.**

661 (1) In addition to the requirements of Section 58-91-305, the division in collaboration with
the board may establish by rule additional operating standards that shall apply to the
conduct of licensees under this chapter, including rules relating to use of uniforms,
badges, insignia, designations, and representations used by or associated with a
licensee's practice under this chapter.

662 (2) In making rules described in Subsection (1), the division and board shall comply with
Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

663 Section 21. Section **58-91-401** is enacted to read:

664 **Part 4. License Denial and Discipline**

665 **58-91-401 . General grounds for denial of license -- Disciplinary proceedings.**

666 The division and board may, in accordance with Section 58-1-401, take any of the

676 following actions:

677 (1) refuse to issue a license to an applicant;
678 (2) refuse to renew the license of a licensee;
679 (3) revoke, suspend, restrict, or place on probation the license of a licensee;
680 (4) issue a public or private reprimand to a licensee; and
681 (5) issue a cease and desist order to a licensee.

682 Section 22. Section **58-91-501** is enacted to read:

683 **Part 5. Unlawful Conduct - Unprofessional Conduct - Penalties**

684 **58-91-501 . Unlawful conduct.**

685 "Unlawful conduct" includes:

686 (1) a licensee employing the services of an unlicensed individual to perform the duties of a
687 licensee, except as provided in Section 58-91-304;
688 (2) filing with the division fingerprint cards for an applicant that are not those of the
689 applicant, or are in any other way false or fraudulent and intended to mislead the
690 division in the division's consideration of the qualifications of the applicant for licensure;
691 (3) practicing or engaging in, or attempting to practice or engage in, activity for which a
692 license is required under this chapter, unless the individual:
693 (a) holds a license; or
694 (b) is exempted from licensure as provided in Section 58-91-304;
695 (4) knowingly employing another person to engage in or practice or attempt to engage in or
696 practice an occupation or profession licensed under this chapter, if the employee:
697 (a) is not licensed to do so under this chapter; or
698 (b) is not exempt from licensure; and
699 (5) charging a client a fee that the constable is prohibited from charging under Section
700 78B-7-105 or 78B-7-207.

701 Section 23. Section **58-91-502** is enacted to read:

702 **58-91-502 . Unprofessional conduct.**

703 (1) "Unprofessional conduct" includes:

704 (a) engaging or offering to engage by fraud or misrepresentation in any activities
705 regulated by this chapter;
706 (b) aiding or abetting a person who is not licensed pursuant to this chapter in
707 representing that person is a constable in this state;
708 (c) gross negligence in the practice of a licensee;
709 (d) committing a felony or a misdemeanor involving any crime that is grounds for

710 denial, suspension, or revocation of a license;
711 (e) making a fraudulent or untrue statement to the board or division;
712 (f) failing to carry or display a copy of the constable's license or failing to comply with
713 the identification requirements described in Section 58-91-305;
714 (g) employing an individual whom the licensed constable knows or should know has
715 engaged in conduct that is inconsistent with the duties and responsibilities of a
716 licensee under this chapter; and
717 (h) failing to comply with operating standards established under Section 58-91-306.
718 (2) The division and board may take a licensee's conviction by a court of competent
719 jurisdiction or entrance of a plea of no contest as conclusive evidence that the licensee
720 committed a felony or misdemeanor described in Subsection (1)(d).

721 Section 24. Section **58-91-503** is enacted to read:

722 **58-91-503 . Penalties.**

723 (1) Unless Subsection (2) applies, an individual who commits an act of unlawful conduct
724 under Section 58-91-501 or who fails to comply with a citation issued under this section
725 after the citation becomes final is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.
726 (2) The division may immediately suspend a license issued under this chapter from an
727 individual who is given a citation for violating Section 58-91-501.
728 (3)(a) If upon inspection or investigation, the division determines that a person has
729 violated Section 58-91-501 or any rule made or order issued under those subsections,
730 and that disciplinary action is warranted, the director or the director's designee shall
731 promptly issue a written citation to the individual and:
732 (i) attempt to negotiate a stipulated settlement; or
733 (ii) notify the individual to appear for an adjudicative proceeding conducted under
734 Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act.
735 (b) In regard to an individual who violates Section 58-91-501, as evidenced by an
736 uncontested citation, a stipulated settlement, or a finding of a violation in an
737 adjudicative proceeding held under Subsection (3)(a)(ii), the division may:
738 (i) fine the individual, as described in Subsection (4);
739 (ii) order the individual to cease and desist from the violation; or
740 (iii) both fine the individual and order the individual to cease and desist from the
741 violation.
742 (c) Except for a cease and desist order, the division may not impose the licensure
743 sanctions listed in Section 58-91-401 through the issuance of a citation under this

744 section.

745 (d) A written citation described in Subsection (3)(a) shall:

746 (i) describe the nature of the violation, including a reference to the allegedly violated
747 statute, rule, or order;

748 (ii) state the recipient must notify the division in writing within 20 calendar days of
749 issuance of the citation if the recipient intends to contest the citation at an
750 adjudicative proceeding under Subsection (3)(a)(ii); and

751 (iii) explain the consequences of failure to timely contest the citation or to make
752 payment of a fine assessed under the citation with the time specified in the citation.

753 (e) The division may serve a written citation issued under this section, or a copy of the
754 written citation:

755 (i) upon an individual who is subject to service of a summons under the Utah Rules
756 of Civil Procedure;

757 (ii) personally or via the individual's agent; and

758 (iii) by a division investigator, by a person designated by the director, or by mail.

759 (f)(i) If within 20 days from the service of a citation the individual to whom the
760 citation was issued fails to request a hearing to contest the citation, the citation
761 becomes the final order of the division and is not subject to further agency review.

762 (ii) The division may grant an extension of the 20-day period for cause.

763 (g) The division may refuse to issue or renew, suspend, revoke, or place on probation the
764 license of a licensee who fails to comply with a citation after the citation becomes
765 final.

766 (h) The division may not issue a citation for an alleged violation under this section after
767 the expiration of one year following the date on which the violation that is the subject
768 of the citation is reported to the division.

769 (4) The director or the director's designee may assess fines under this section as follows:

770 (a) for a first offense under Subsection (3)(a), a fine of up to \$1,000;

771 (b) for a second offense under Subsection (3)(a), a fine of up to \$2,000; and

772 (c) for a subsequent offense under Subsection (3)(a), a fine of up to \$2,000 for each day
773 of continued violation.

774 (5) For purposes of issuing a final order under this section and assessing a fine under
775 Subsection (4), an offense is a second or subsequent offense if:

776 (a) the division previously issued a final order determining that a person committed a
777 first or second offense in violation of Section 58-91-501; or

(b)(i) the division initiated an action for a first or second offense;

(ii) no final order has been issued by the division;

(iii) the division determines during an investigation that occurred after the initiation of the action that the individual committed a second or subsequent violation of Section 58-91-501; and

(iv) after determining that the person committed a second or subsequent offense, the division issues a final order on the action.

In issuing a final order for a second or subsequent offense under Subsection (5), the division shall comply with the requirements of this section.

(a) The division shall deposit a fine imposed by the director under Subsection (4) into the General Fund as a dedicated credit for use by the division for the purposes listed in Section 58-91-104.

The director may collect a fine that is not paid by:

(a) referring the matter to a collection agency; or

(b) bringing an action in court in the county where:

(i) the person against whom the penalty is imposed resides; or

(ii) the office of the director is located.

A county attorney or the attorney general of the state shall provide legal assistance and advice to the director in an action to collect a penalty.

(j) A court shall award reasonable attorney fees and costs to the prevailing party in an action brought by the division to collect a penalty.

Section 25. Section **58-91-601** is enacted to read:

Part 6. Regulatory Jurisdiction

58-91-601 . State preemption of local regulation.

Notwithstanding Title 17, Chapter 78, Part 6, Constables, or Section 10-7-87, a political subdivision of this state may not enact any ordinance, adopt any resolution, or make any policies relating to the licensing or regulation of constables.

Any ordinance, resolution, or policy made by any political subdivision of this state relating to the licensing, training, or regulation of constables is superseded by this chapter.

This section does not prevent a contracting governmental entity from:

(a) including in a contract between a licensed constable and the contracting governmental entity any provision that does not conflict with Subsection (1); or

(b) requiring a constable to conform with the contracting governmental entity's training,

812 process, standards, or other procedures when making an arrest or transporting a
813 prisoner at the direction and authorization of the contracting governmental entity.

814 Section 26. Section **76-6-1403** is amended to read:

815 **76-6-1403 . Requirements for records of sale or purchases.**

816 (1) Every dealer shall:

817 (a) require the information under Subsection (2) for each transaction of regulated metal,
818 except under Subsection 76-6-1406(4); and

819 (b) maintain for each purchase of regulated metal the information required by this part in
820 a written or electronic log, in the English language.

821 (2) The dealer shall require the following information of the seller and shall record the
822 information as required under Subsection (1) for each purchase of regulated metal:

823 (a) a complete description of the regulated metal, including weight and metallic
824 description, in accordance with scrap metal recycling industry standards;

825 (b) the full name and residence of each person selling the regulated metal;

826 (c) the vehicle type and license plate number, if applicable, of the vehicle transporting
827 the regulated metal to the dealer;

828 (d) the price per pound and the amount paid for each type of regulated metal purchased
829 by the dealer;

830 (e) the date, time, and place of the purchase;

831 (f) the type and the identifying number of the identification provided in Subsection (2)(g);

832 (g) a form of identification that is a valid United States federal or state-issued photo ID,
833 which includes a driver license, a United States passport, a United States passport
834 card, or a United States military identification card;

835 (h) the seller's signature on a certificate stating that the seller has the legal right to sell
836 the scrap metal or junk; and

837 (i) a digital photograph or still video of the seller, taken at the time of the sale, or a
838 clearly legible photocopy of the seller's identification.

839 (3) No entry in the log may be erased, deleted, mutilated, or changed.

840 (4) The log and entries shall be open to inspection by the following ~~officials having~~
841 jurisdiction over] individuals in the area in which the dealer does business during regular
842 business hours:

843 (a) the county sheriff or deputies;

844 (b) any law enforcement agency;

845 (c) any constable who holds a contract with a city or a county in which the dealer does

business; and

[(e)] (d) any [constable or other] state, municipal, or county official in the county in which the dealer does business.

(5) A dealer shall make these records available for inspection by any law enforcement agency, upon request, at the dealer's place of business during the dealer's regular business hours.

(6) Log entries made under this section shall be maintained for not less than three years from date of entry.

(7)(a) The dealer may maintain the information required by Subsection (2) for repeat sellers who use the same vehicle to bring regulated metal for each transaction in a relational database that allows the dealer to enter an initial record of the seller's information and then relate subsequent transaction records to that initial information, except under Subsection (7)(b).

(b) The dealer shall obtain regarding each transaction with repeat sellers:

(i) a photograph of the seller; and

(ii) a signature from the seller.

(8) A dealer who violates this section is subject to the penalties described in Section 76-6-1403.1.

Section 27. Section **76-8-301** is amended to read:

76-8-301 . Interference with public servant.

(1)(a) As used in this section[,-] :

(i) "Constable" means an individual:

(A) acting at the direction of a city, as described in Section 10-7-87;

(B) acting at the direction of a county, as described in Title 17, Chapter 78, Part 6.
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(C) who is visibly identifiable as a constable and who identifies himself or herself as a constable; and

(D) who, beginning January 1, 2027, is licensed as a constable under Title 58, Chapter 91, Constables Licensing Act.

(ii) [-public] "Public servant" does not include a juror.

(b) Terms defined in Sections 76-1-101.5 and 76-8-101 apply to this section.

(2) An actor commits interference with a public servant if the actor:

(a) uses force, violence, intimidation, or engages in any other unlawful act with a purpose to interfere with a public servant performing or purporting to perform

880 official function; or
881 (b) obstructs, hinders, conceals, or prevents the lawful service of any civil or criminal
882 legal process by a sheriff, constable, deputy sheriff, deputy constable, peace officer,
883 private investigator, or any other person authorized to serve legal process.

884 (3) A violation of Subsection (2) is a class B misdemeanor.

885 Section 28. Section **78B-2-304** is amended to read:

886 **78B-2-304 . Within two years.**

887 An action may be brought within two years:

888 (1) against a marshal, sheriff,[-constable,] or other officer for liability incurred during the
889 performance of the officer's official duties or by the omission of an official duty,
890 including the nonpayment of money collected upon an execution;

891 (2) against a constable:

892 (a) for the nonpayment of money collected upon an execution; or

893 (b) acting at the direction of a city, as described in Section 10-7-87, or a county as
894 described in Title 17, Chapter 78, Part 6, Constables, for liability incurred during the
895 performance of the constable's duties;

896 [(2)] (3) for recovery of damages for a death caused by the wrongful act or neglect of
897 another;

898 [(3)] (4) in causes of action against the state and [its] state employees, for injury to the
899 personal rights of another if not otherwise provided by state or federal law; or

900 [(4)] (5) in causes of action against a political subdivision of the state and [its] a political
901 subdivision's employees, for injury to the personal rights of another arising after May 1,
902 2000, if not otherwise provided by state or federal law.

903 Section 29. Section **78B-6-801** is amended to read:

904 **78B-6-801 . Definitions.**

905 (1) "Commercial tenant" means any tenant who may be a body politic and corporate,
906 partnership, association, or company.

907 (2)(a) "Constable" means an individual acting at the direction of:

908 (i) a city, as described in Section 10-7-87; or

909 (ii) a county, as described in Title 17, Chapter 78, Part 6, Constables.

910 (b) "Constable" also means an individual who, beginning January 1, 2027, is licensed as
911 a constable under Title 58, Chapter 91, Constables Licensing Act, regardless of
912 whether the constable is providing services for a contracting governmental entity or a
913 private client.

914 [({2})] (3) "Forcible detainer" means:

915 (a) holding and keeping by force, or by menaces and threats of violence, the possession
916 of any real property, whether acquired peaceably or otherwise; or
917 (b) unlawfully entering real property during the absence of the occupants or at night,
918 and, after demand is made for the surrender of the property, refusing for a period of
919 three days to surrender the property to the former occupant.

920 [({3})] (4) "Forcible entry" means:

921 (a) entering any real property by:
922 (i) breaking open doors, windows, or other parts of a house;
923 (ii) fraud, intimidation, or stealth; or
924 (iii) any kind of violence or circumstances of terror; or
925 (b) after entering peaceably upon real property, turning out by force, threats, or
926 menacing conduct the party in actual possession.

927 [({4})] (5) "Occupant of real property" means one who within five days preceding an unlawful
928 entry was in the peaceable and undisturbed possession of the property.

929 [({5})] (6) "Owner":

930 (a) means the actual owner of the premises;
931 (b) has the same meaning as landlord under common law and the statutes of this state;
932 and
933 (c) includes the owner's designated agent or successor to the estate.

934 [({6})] (7)(a) "Peaceable possession" means having a legal right to possession.

935 (b) "Peaceable possession" does not include:
936 (i) the occupation of premises by a trespasser; or
937 (ii) continuing to occupy real property after being served with an order of restitution
938 issued by a court of competent jurisdiction .

939 [({7})] (8)(a) "Tenant" means any natural person and any individual, including a
940 commercial tenant.

941 (b) "Tenant" does not include a person or entity that has no legal right to the premises.

942 [({8})] (9) "Trespasser" means a person or entity that occupies real property but never had
943 possessory rights in the premises.

944 [({9})] (10) "Unlawful detainer" means unlawfully remaining in possession of property after
945 receiving a notice to quit, served as required by this chapter, and failing to comply with
946 that notice.

947 [({10})] (11) "Willful exclusion" means preventing the tenant from entering into the premises

948 with intent to deprive the tenant of entry.

949 Section 30. Section **78B-7-102** is amended to read:

950 **78B-7-102 . Definitions.**

951 As used in this chapter:

952 (1) "Abuse" means, except as provided in Section 78B-7-201, intentionally or knowingly
953 causing or attempting to cause another individual physical harm or intentionally or
954 knowingly placing another individual in reasonable fear of imminent physical harm.

955 (2) "Affinity" means the same as that term is defined in Section 76-1-101.5.

956 (3) "Canadian domestic violence protection order" means the same as that term is defined in
957 Section 78B-7-1201.

958 (4) "Child" means an individual who is younger than 18 years old.

959 (5) "Civil protective order" means an order issued, subsequent to a hearing on the petition,
960 of which the petitioner and respondent have been given notice, under:

961 (a) Part 2, Child Protective Orders;

962 (b) Part 4, Dating Violence Protective Orders;

963 (c) Part 5, Sexual Violence Protective Orders;

964 (d) Part 6, Cohabitant Abuse Protective Orders; or

965 (e) Part 11, Workplace Violence Protective Orders.

966 (6) "Civil stalking injunction" means a stalking injunction issued under Part 7, Civil
967 Stalking Injunctions.

968 (7)(a) "Cohabitant" means an emancipated individual under Section 15-2-1 or an
969 individual who is 16 years old or older who:

970 (i) is or was a spouse of the other party;

971 (ii) is or was living as if a spouse of the other party;

972 (iii) is related by blood or marriage to the other party as the individual's parent,
973 grandparent, sibling, or any other individual related to the individual by
974 consanguinity or affinity to the second degree;

975 (iv) has or had one or more children in common with the other party;

976 (v) is the biological parent of the other party's unborn minor child;

977 (vi) resides or has resided in the same residence as the other party; or

978 (vii) is or was in a consensual sexual relationship with the other party.

979 (b) "Cohabitant" does not include:

980 (i) the relationship of natural parent, adoptive parent, or step-parent to a minor child;
981 or

982 (ii) the relationship between natural, adoptive, step, or foster siblings who are under
983 18 years old.

984 (8) "Consanguinity" means the same as that term is defined in Section 76-1-101.5.

985 (9) "Constable" means the same as that term is defined in Section 78B-6-801.

986 [({9})] (10) "Criminal protective order" means an order issued under Part 8, Criminal
987 Protective Orders.

988 [({10})] (11) "Criminal stalking injunction" means a stalking injunction issued under Part 9,
989 Criminal Stalking Injunctions.

990 [({11})] (12) "Court clerk" means a district court clerk.

991 [({12})] (13)(a) "Dating partner" means an individual who:

992 (i)(A) is an emancipated individual under Section 15-2-1 or Title 80, Chapter 7,
993 Emancipation; or

994 (B) is 18 years old or older; and

995 (ii) is, or has been, in a dating relationship with the other party.

996 (b) "Dating partner" does not include an intimate partner.

997 [({13})] (14)(a) "Dating relationship" means a social relationship of a romantic or intimate
998 nature, or a relationship which has romance or intimacy as a goal by one or both
999 parties, regardless of whether the relationship involves sexual intimacy.

1000 (b) "Dating relationship" does not include casual fraternization in a business,
1001 educational, or social context.

1002 (c) In determining, based on a totality of the circumstances, whether a dating
1003 relationship exists:

1004 (i) all relevant factors shall be considered, including:

1005 (A) whether the parties developed interpersonal bonding above a mere casual
1006 fraternization;

1007 (B) the length of the parties' relationship;

1008 (C) the nature and the frequency of the parties' interactions, including
1009 communications indicating that the parties intended to begin a dating
1010 relationship;

1011 (D) the ongoing expectations of the parties, individual or jointly, with respect to
1012 the relationship;

1013 (E) whether, by statement or conduct, the parties demonstrated an affirmation of
1014 their relationship to others; and

1015 (F) whether other reasons exist that support or detract from a finding that a dating

relationship exists; and

(ii) it is not necessary that all, or a particular number, of the factors described in Subsection (13)(c)(i) are found to support the existence of a dating relationship.

[14) (15) "Dating violence" means:

- (a) a criminal offense involving violence or physical harm, or threat of violence or physical harm, when committed by an individual against a dating partner; or
- (b) an attempt, a conspiracy, or a solicitation by an individual to commit a criminal offense involving violence or physical harm against a dating partner of the individual.

[15] (16) "Domestic violence" means the same as that term is defined in Section 77-36-1.

[~~(16)~~] (17) "Ex parte civil protective order" means an order issued without notice to the respondent under:

- (a) Part 2, Child Protective Orders;
- (b) Part 4, Dating Violence Protective Orders;
- (c) Part 5, Sexual Violence Protective Orders;
- (d) Part 6, Cohabitant Abuse Protective Orders; or
- (e) Part 11, Workplace Violence Protective Orders.

[17] (18) "Ex parte civil stalking injunction" means a stalking injunction issued without notice to the respondent under Part 7, Civil Stalking Injunctions.

[~~(18)~~] (19) "Foreign protection order" means:

- (a) the same as that term is defined in Section 78B-7-302; or
- (b) a Canadian domestic violence protection order.

[+19] (20) "Household animal" means an animal that is tamed and kept as a pet.

[~~(20)~~] (21) "Intimate partner" means the same as that term is defined in 18 U.S.C. Sec. 921.

[{21}] (22) "Law enforcement unit" or "law enforcement agency" means any public agency having general police power and charged with making arrests in connection with enforcement of the criminal statutes and ordinances of this state or any political subdivision.

[(22)] (23) "Minor child" means the same as that term is defined in Section 81-1-101.

[{23}] (24) "Peace officer" means those individuals specified in Title 53, Chapter 13, Peace Officer Classifications.

[{24}] (25) "Qualifying domestic violence offense" means the same as that term is defined in Section 77-36-1.1.

[25] (26) "Respondent" means the individual against whom enforcement of a protective order is sought.

1050 [26] (27) "Stalking" means the same as that term is defined in Section 76-5-106.5.

1051 Section 31. Section **78B-8-302** is amended to read:

1052 **78B-8-302 . Process servers.**

1053 (1) A complaint, a summons, or a subpoena may be served by an individual who is:

1054 (a) 18 years old or older at the time of service; and
1055 (b) not a party to the action or a party's attorney.

1056 (2) Except as provided in Subsection (5), the following may serve all process issued by the
1057 courts of this state:

1058 (a) a peace officer employed by a political subdivision of the state acting within the
1059 scope and jurisdiction of the peace officer's employment;

1060 (b) a sheriff or appointed deputy sheriff employed by a county of the state;

1061 (c) a constable, or the constable's deputy[.] :

1062 (i) [-]serving in compliance with applicable law; and

1063 (ii) beginning January 1, 2027, who is licensed in accordance with Title 58, Chapter
1064 91, Constables Licensing Act;

1065 (d) an investigator employed by the state and authorized by law to serve civil process; or

1066 (e) a private investigator licensed in accordance with ~~[Title 53, Chapter 9, Private~~
1067 ~~Investigator Regulation Act]~~ Title 58, Chapter 91, Constables Licensing Act.

1068 (3) A private investigator licensed in accordance with ~~[Title 53, Chapter 9, Private~~
1069 ~~Investigator Regulation Act]~~ Title 58, Chapter 91, Constables Licensing Act, may not
1070 make an arrest pursuant to a bench warrant.

1071 (4) While serving process, a private investigator shall:

1072 (a) have on the investigator's body a visible form of credentials and identification
1073 identifying:

1074 (i) the investigator's name;

1075 (ii) that the investigator is a licensed private investigator; and

1076 (iii) the name and address of the agency employing the investigator or, if the
1077 investigator is self-employed, the address of the investigator's place of business;

1078 (b) verbally communicate to the person being served that the investigator is acting as a
1079 process server; and

1080 (c) print on the first page of each document served:

1081 (i) the investigator's name and identification number as a private investigator; and

1082 (ii) the address and phone number for the investigator's place of business.

1083 (5) The following may only serve process under this section when the use of force is

1084 authorized on the face of the document, or when a breach of the peace is imminent or
1085 likely under the totality of the circumstances:

1086 (a) a law enforcement officer, as defined in Section 53-13-103; or

1087 (b) a special function officer, as defined in Section 53-13-105, who is:

1088 (i) employed as an appointed deputy sheriff by a county of the state; or

1089 (ii) a constable who holds a contract with:

1090 (A) a municipality as described in Section 10-7-87; or

1091 (B) a county as described in Title 17, Chapter 78, Part 6, Constables.

1092 (6) The following may not serve process issued by a court:

1093 (a) an individual convicted of a felony violation of an offense that would result in the
1094 individual being a sex offender under Subsection 53-29-202(2)(b); or

1095 (b) an individual who is a respondent in a proceeding described in Title 78B, Chapter 7,
1096 Protective Orders and Stalking Injunctions, in which a court has granted the
1097 petitioner a protective order.

1098 (7) An individual serving process shall:

1099 (a) legibly document the date and time of service on the front page of the document
1100 being served;

1101 (b) legibly print the process server's name, address, and telephone number on the return
1102 of service;

1103 (c) sign the return of service in substantial compliance with Title 78B, Chapter 18a,
1104 Uniform Unsworn Declarations Act;

1105 (d) if the process server is a peace officer, sheriff, or deputy sheriff, legibly print the
1106 badge number of the process server on the return of service;

1107 (e) if the process server is a constable, legibly print the following on the return of service:

1108 (i) before January 1, 2027, the constable's name, identification as a constable,
1109 business phone number, and the city or county that appointed or contracts with the
1110 constable; or

1111 (ii) on and after January 1, 2027, the information required in Section 58-91-601; and

1112 [(e)] (f) if the process server is a private investigator, legibly print the private
1113 investigator's identification number on the return of service.

1114 Section 32. Section **78B-8-303** is amended to read:

1115 **78B-8-303 . Recoverable rates.**

1116 If the rates charged by private process servers exceed the rates established by law for
1117 service of process by [persons under Subsektion 78B-8-302(1)] individuals described in Section

1118 78B-8-302, the excess charge may be recovered as costs of an action only if the court
1119 determines the service and charge were justifiable under the circumstances.

1120 **Section 33. Effective Date.**

1121 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.