

**CHAPTER 222****(SB 204)**

AN ACT relating to public officers.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

Section 1. KRS 69.360 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) A county attorney may, as funding allows, employ one (1) or more county detectives. County detectives in counties containing a consolidated local government shall have the power of arrest in the county and the right to execute process statewide. They shall assist the county attorney in all matters pertaining to his office in the manner he designates and shall assist him in the preparation of all criminal cases in District Court by investigating the evidence and facts connected with such cases.
- (2) A county detective in a county containing a consolidated local government who has the power of arrest in the county and right to execute process statewide, as set out in subsection (1) of this section, shall be certified in accordance with KRS 15.380 to KRS 15.404.
- (3) *A county detective certified in accordance with KRS 15.380 to 15.404 shall have the right to execute civil process statewide.*
- (4) *A county detective who is not certified in accordance with KRS 15.380 to 15.404 shall have the right to serve civil process only in the county in which the county attorney is elected.*
- (5) *The provisions of subsections (3) and (4) of this section shall not apply to a county detective appointed pursuant to subsections (1) and (2) of this section.*

Section 2. KRS 61.365 is amended to read as follows:

The following persons who are employed by the federal government as law enforcement or investigative officers who have the power of arrest and who are residents of the Commonwealth of Kentucky shall be deemed peace officers and shall have the same powers and duties of any other peace officer in the Commonwealth, except that they shall not be required to serve process unless permitted to do so by their respective agencies:

- (1) Federal Bureau of Investigation special agents;
- (2) United States Secret Service special agents;
- (3) United States Marshal's service deputies;
- (4) Drug Enforcement Administration special agents;
- (5) Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms special agents;
- (6) United States Forest Service special agents and law enforcement officers;
- (7) Special agents and law enforcement officers of the Office of the Inspector General of the United States Department of Agriculture;~~and~~
- (8) United States Customs Service special agents; *and*
- (9) *United States National Park Service law enforcement rangers.*

**Approved April 22, 2006.**