

HB 1816 -- IMMUNITY FOR SHERIFFS

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This bill specifies that a cause of action cannot be made against a sheriff, a deputy sheriff, or an administrative employee of a sheriff when the actions complained of were made in furtherance of or in compliance with a court order or directive, even if the order or directive executed is later determined to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction.

A cause of action for damages may be brought against the party who obtained the court's order or directive if obtained by way of fraud or false statement. If such an action is filed against a sheriff, a deputy sheriff, or an administrative employee of a sheriff, all costs incurred for the defense of the action by or on behalf of the sheriff, deputy sheriff, or administrative employee must be taxed to the petitioner.