

HB 2054 -- Powers of Jailers

Sponsor: Jones (117)

Currently, a jailer has the power to serve an arrest warrant on any person who is already an inmate in custody of the facility where the jailer is employed. This bill expands this power to include the service of civil process. The bill also authorizes a jailer to serve an arrest warrant or civil process on any person who surrenders himself or herself to the facility under an arrest warrant; to carry firearms when necessary for the proper discharge of his or her duties; and to arrest escaped prisoners and apprehend all persons who may be aiding and abetting an escapee while in the custody of the sheriff, as granted to any other law enforcement officer, if the person is authorized to act as a jailer by the sheriff.