

ORDINANCE NO: 2021-03
**AN ORDINANCE URGING GOVERNOR PRITZKER TO REPEAL HOUSE BILL 3653
REGARDING CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM**

WHEREAS, the Illinois General Assembly passed House Bill 3653 on January 13, 2021 (the Bill”) and;

WHEREAS, the bill enacts several provisions which have been referred to as criminal justice reform actions and;

WHEREAS, the majority of the criminal justice reform actions contained in the Bill will have significant negative impacts on the safety of the residence of Putnam County and the personnel of the Putnam County Sheriff’s Office and;

WHEREAS; of further concern is that local governments and local law enforcement agencies were not provided any meaningful opportunity to comment on or participate in the drafting of the proposed criminal justice reform actions and;

WHEREAS; the County Board of Putnam County, IL joins the Illinois Sheriff’s Association, the Illinois State Attorney’s Association, the Fraternal Order of Police, the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police and the Illinois Police Benevolent and Protective Association in expressing sincere disappointment over the passage of this bill during a lame duck Legislative session in the early morning hours of January 13, 2021 and;

WHEREAS; while not comprehensive, the following are samples of some of the provisions of the Bill which are of great concern to the Putnam County Board;

1. Elimination of Cash Bail.
2. Allowance of anonymous complaints about law enforcement officers to the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board.
3. Vague language pertaining to circumstances when a law enforcement officer may lawfully engage in the use of force, which may result in increased injuries or death of law enforcement and/or Putnam County, Illinois Citizens.
4. Creation of numerous unfunded mandates on the Illinois Counties, potentially resulting in higher taxes and/or less service for the citizens of these counties.

WHEREAS; the County Board of Putnam County, Illinois finds it to be in the interest of the health, safety morals and general well-being of its citizens to express its genuine concern about the effects of this Bill on the safety of the citizens of Putnam County and hereby request Governor J.B. Pritzker to repeal House Bill 3653.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk of Putnam County Illinois is hereby directed to prepare and deliver a certified copy of this Ordinance via email and US Mail to the Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker on the day following said County Board approval.

AYES: 3

NAYS: 0

Absent: 1

PASSED / NOT PASSED this 12th day of July, 2021.



Charles Lenkaitis, Chairman
Putnam County Board

ATTEST:



Tina Dolder
County Clerk & Recorder
Putnam County, Illinois