

**331.654 Faithful discharge of duties — penalty for disobedience.**

1. The provisions of [section 331.652, subsections 1 and 2](#), and [section 331.653, subsections 1 and 2](#), do not relieve a sheriff or deputy sheriff from the full and faithful discharge of all duties required of the officer by law.

2. The disobedience of a sheriff or deputy sheriff to the command of a legal process is a contempt of the court from which the process is issued and is punishable as provided in [chapter 665](#). The sheriff or deputy sheriff is also liable to action by any person injured by the disobedience.

[C51, §171; R60, §384; C73, §338; C97, §500; S13, §499-d; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §5185, 5186; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §337.5, 337.6; S81, §331.654; [81 Acts, ch 117, §653](#)]