

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 1260

By: Long of the Senate

and

Thornbrugh of the House

An Act relating to counties and county officers; amending 19 O.S. 1991, Section 510, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 37, O.S.L. 1999 (19 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 510), which relates to county sheriff qualifications; providing gender neutral language; adding qualification for persons seeking election in certain counties; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 1991, Section 510, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 37, O.S.L. 1999 (19 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 510), is amended to read as follows:

Section 510. Any person, otherwise qualified, who has been a resident of the State of Oklahoma for two (2) years, has been a registered voter of the party whose nomination he or she seeks, or a registered Independent, within the county from which such person seeks election for the six (6) months next preceding the first day of the filing period, is at least twenty-five (25) years of age next preceding the date of filing for office, possesses at least a high school education, shall be eligible to hold the office of county sheriff or to file therefor. Provided, however, in counties with populations of five hundred thousand (500,000) or more, the person seeking election shall also be a current certified peace officer in good standing. Within twelve (12) months of taking office, all newly elected or appointed sheriffs shall complete a sheriff's administrative school which has been developed by the Oklahoma Sheriff's Association and which has been approved by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training. Provided, however, the provisions of this section relating to qualifications shall not apply to any person serving as a county sheriff or to any person previously serving as county sheriff prior to the adoption of this statute.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 1st day of March, 2000.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 28th day of March, 2000.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives