

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 50th Legislature (2005)

SENATE BILL 459

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to counties and county officers; amending 19 O.S. 2001, Section 510, as last amended by Section 5, Chapter 53, O.S.L. 2004 (19 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 510), which relates to qualifications for county sheriff; adding qualifications for office of sheriff; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2001, Section 510, as last amended by Section 5, Chapter 53, O.S.L. 2004 (19 O.S. Supp. 2004, 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, except in 2004, when such person must have been a qualified registered elector no later than December 21, 2003, is at least twenty-five (25) years of age next preceding the date of filing for office, possesses at least a high school education, and has been a Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET) certified peace officer for at least five (5) years, 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 CLEET certified peace officer in good standing for at least five (5) years. 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 (CLEET)~~ CLEET. Failure to complete the sheriff's administrative school within the specified period shall preclude the new sheriff from obtaining CLEET certification. New sheriffs with prior CLEET certification, who fail to attend the sheriff's administrative school, shall have their CLEET certification revoked. 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. This act shall become effective November 1, 2005.

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