

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 1259

By: Sanders

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An Act relating to county sheriffs; amending 19 O.S. 2011, Section 510, county sheriff qualifications; modifying requirement of prior service as peace officer; removing population threshold to expand certain required qualification; defining term; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2011, 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

1 has served as a duly certified peace officer, in a full-time
2 capacity, for a period of four (4) years or more prior to the date
3 of filing for the office of county sheriff, shall be eligible to
4 hold the office of county sheriff or to file therefor. ~~Provided,~~
5 ~~however, in counties with populations of five hundred thousand~~
6 ~~(500,000) or more, the person seeking election shall also be a~~
7 ~~current certified peace officer in good standing.~~ Within twelve
8 (12) months of taking office, all newly elected or appointed
9 sheriffs shall complete a sheriff's administrative school which has
10 been developed by the Oklahoma Sheriff's Association and which has
11 been approved by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and
12 Training (CLEET). Failure to complete the sheriff's administrative
13 school within the specified period shall preclude the new sheriff
14 from obtaining CLEET certification. New sheriffs with prior CLEET
15 certification, who fail to attend the sheriff's administrative
16 school, shall have their CLEET certification revoked. Provided,
17 however, the provisions of this section relating to qualifications
18 shall not apply to any person serving as a county sheriff or to any
19 person previously serving as county sheriff prior to the adoption of
20 this statute.

21 For purposes of this section, "peace officer" shall mean a full-
22 time duly appointed or elected officer who is paid for working more
23 than twenty-five (25) hours per week and whose duties are to
24 preserve the public peace, protect life and property, prevent crime,

1 serve warrants, and enforce laws and ordinances of this state, or
2 any political subdivision thereof.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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