

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 1259

By: Sanders and Meredith of the  
House

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4 Smalley of the Senate

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8 An Act relating to county sheriffs; amending 19 O.S.  
9 2011, Section 510, which relates to county sheriff  
10 qualifications; modifying requirement of prior  
11 service as peace officer; removing population  
12 threshold to expand certain required qualification;  
13 defining term; and providing an effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2011, Section 510, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 510. Any person, otherwise qualified, who has been a  
18 resident of the State of Oklahoma for two (2) years, has been a  
19 registered voter of the party whose nomination he or she seeks, or a  
20 registered Independent, within the county from which such person  
21 seeks election for the six (6) months next preceding the first day  
22 of the filing period, ~~except in 2004, when such person must have~~  
23 ~~been a qualified registered elector no later than December 21, 2003,~~  
24 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~~ Sheriffs' Association and  
11 which has been approved by the Council on Law Enforcement Education  
12 and Training (CLEET). Failure to complete the sheriff's  
13 administrative school within the specified period shall preclude the  
14 new sheriff from obtaining CLEET certification. New sheriffs with  
15 prior CLEET certification, who fail to attend the sheriff's  
16 administrative school, shall have their CLEET certification revoked.  
17 Provided, however, the provisions of this section relating to  
18 qualifications shall not apply to any person serving as a county  
19 sheriff or to any person previously serving as county sheriff prior  
20 to the adoption of 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.

4 Passed the House of Representatives the 7th day of March, 2017.

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7 Presiding Officer of the House  
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9 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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