

An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1259

By: Sanders, Meredith and Biggs
of the House

and

Scott and Smalley of the
Senate

An Act relating to county sheriffs; amending 19 O.S. 2011, Section 510, which relates to 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.

SUBJECT: County sheriffs

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 has served as a duly certified peace officer, in a full-time capacity, for a period of four (4) years or more prior to the date of filing for the office of county sheriff, 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~~ Sheriffs' Association and which has been approved by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (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.

For purposes of this section, "peace officer" shall mean a full-time duly appointed or elected officer who is paid for working more than twenty-five (25) hours per week and whose duties are to preserve the public peace, protect life and property, prevent crime, serve warrants, and enforce state, federal or military laws and local ordinances of this state or any political subdivision thereof.

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

Passed the House of Representatives the 8th day of May, 2017.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 24th day of April, 2017.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

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