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**AS AMENDED**

BILL NO. 1259

and

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.

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

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(Bold face denotes Committee Amendments)

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

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

1 preserve the public peace, protect life and property, prevent crime,  
2 serve warrants, and enforce **state, federal or military laws and**  
3 **local ordinances of this state** or any political subdivision thereof.

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

5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES  
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