

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

3 HOUSE BILL 1177

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to counties and county officers;
8 amending 19 O.S. 2011, Section 510, which relates to
9 county sheriff qualifications; removing obsolete
10 language; modifying qualifications for sheriff
11 candidates; and providing an effective date.

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

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

15 Section 510. Any person, otherwise qualified, who has been a
16 resident of the State of Oklahoma for two (2) years, has been a
17 registered voter of the party whose nomination he or she seeks, or a
18 registered Independent, within the county from which such person
19 seeks election for the six (6) months next preceding the first day
20 of the filing period, ~~except in 2004, when such person must have~~
21 ~~been a qualified registered elector no later than December 21, 2003,~~
22 is at least twenty-five (25) years of age next preceding the date of
23 filing for office, possesses at least a high school education, and
24 is a peace officer in good standing certified by the Council on Law

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

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

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