

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1259

By: Sanders

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to county sheriffs; amending 19 O.S. 2011, Section 510, county sheriff qualifications; removing population threshold to expand certain required qualification; 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, shall

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

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