

1 ENGROSSED SENATE AMENDMENT  
TO

2 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
3 BILL NO. 1414

By: West (Josh) of the House

4 and

5 Hamilton of the Senate

6  
7 An Act relating to counties and county officers;  
8 amending 19 O.S. 2021, Section 510, which relates to  
9 qualifications for county sheriff; permitting  
10 military police service to meet experience  
11 requirement; requiring certain document be presented  
12 when filing; and providing an effective date.

13 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Page 1, strike the title, enacting clause and  
14 entire bill and insert

15 "An Act relating to counties and county officers;  
16 amending 19 O.S. 2021, Section 510, which relates to  
17 qualifications for county sheriff; defining term;  
18 modifying eligibility to file for certain office;  
19 requiring certain document be presented when filing  
20 declaration of candidacy for certain office;  
21 authorizing Secretary of State Election Board to  
22 prescribe certain form; permitting military police  
23 service to meet certain experience requirement;  
24 requiring certain verification; and providing an  
effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2021, Section 510, is  
amended to read as follows:

1 Section 510. A. As used in this section, "peace officer" shall  
2 mean a full-time duly appointed or elected officer who is currently  
3 or has previously been paid for working more than twenty-five (25)  
4 hours per week and whose duties include or included preserving the  
5 public peace, protection of life and property, prevention of crime,  
6 service of warrants, and the enforcement of:

7 1. Federal laws;

8 2. The laws of this state;

9 3. The laws of any other state in the United States; or

10 4. The local ordinances of any political subdivision of such  
11 state.

12 B. Any person, otherwise qualified, who has been a resident of  
13 ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this state for two (2) years, has been a  
14 registered voter of the party whose nomination he or she seeks, or a  
15 registered Independent, within the county from which such person  
16 seeks election for the six (6) months next preceding the first day  
17 of the filing period, is at least twenty-five (25) years of age next  
18 preceding the date of filing for office, possesses at least a high  
19 school education, and has served as a duly certified peace officer,  
20 in a full-time capacity, for a period of four (4) years or more  
21 prior to the date of filing for the office of county sheriff, shall  
22 be eligible to file for or hold the office of county sheriff ~~or to~~  
23 file therefor.

1        C. A candidate shall present proof of peace officer  
2 qualification at the time of filing a declaration of candidacy with  
3 the secretary of the county election board as described in Section  
4 5-111 of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The Secretary of the  
5 State Election Board may prescribe a form to be included as part of  
6 the documented proof of police or veteran experience as required by  
7 this section.

8        D. Any veteran who has served as military police may count four  
9 (4) or more years of service as military police to meet the  
10 experience requirement listed in subsection B of this section. A  
11 veteran shall present a Certificate of Release or Discharge from  
12 Active Duty (DD Form 214) when filing a declaration of candidacy as  
13 verification of military police experience.

14        E. Within twelve (12) months of taking office, all newly  
15 elected or appointed sheriffs shall complete a sheriff's  
16 administrative school which has been developed by the Oklahoma  
17 Sheriffs' Association and which has been approved by the Council on  
18 Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET). Failure to complete  
19 the sheriff's administrative school within the specified period  
20 shall preclude the new sheriff from obtaining CLEET certification.  
21 New sheriffs with prior CLEET certification, who fail to attend the  
22 sheriff's administrative school, shall have their CLEET  
23 certification revoked. Provided, however, the provisions of this  
24 section relating to qualifications shall not apply to any person

1 serving as a county sheriff or to any person previously serving as  
2 county sheriff prior to the adoption of this statute.

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

9 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025."

10 Passed the Senate the 5th day of May, 2025.

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13 Presiding Officer of the Senate

14 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
15 2025.

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20 seeks election for the six (6) months next preceding the first day  
21 of the filing period, is at least twenty-five (25) years of age next  
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19 serve warrants, and enforce state, federal ~~or military laws~~ and  
20 local ordinances of ~~this~~ any U.S. state or any political subdivision  
21 thereof. Candidates must present proof of police qualification at  
22 the time of filing.

23 B. Veterans who have served as military police may count four  
24 (4) or more years of service as military police to meet the

1 experience requirement listed in subsection A of this section.  
2 Veterans must present a Certificate of Release or Discharge from  
3 Active Duty (DD Form 214) when filing as verification of military  
4 police experience.

5 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

6 Passed the House of Representatives the 17th day of March, 2025.

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11 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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