

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 1414

By: West (Josh) of the House  
and  
Hamilton of the Senate

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

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

16 Section 510. A. Any person, otherwise qualified, who has been  
17 a resident of the State of Oklahoma for two (2) years, has been a  
18 registered voter of the party whose nomination he or she seeks, or a  
19 registered Independent, within the county from which such person  
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  
22 preceding the date of filing for office, possesses at least a high  
23 school education and has served as a duly certified peace officer,  
24 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

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

15 For purposes of this section, "peace officer" shall mean a full-  
16 time duly appointed or elected officer who is paid for working more  
17 than twenty-five (25) hours per week and whose duties are to  
18 preserve the public peace, protect life and property, prevent crime,  
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 2. 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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