

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR ENGROSSED

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1414

By: West (Josh) of the House

and

Hamilton of the Senate

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10 An Act relating to counties and county officers;
11 amending 19 O.S. 2021, Section 510, which relates to
12 qualifications for county sheriff; permitting
13 military police service to meet experience
14 requirement; requiring certain document be presented
15 when filing declaration of candidacy; updating
16 statutory language; and providing an effective date.

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

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

20 Section 510. A. Any person, otherwise qualified, who has been
21 a resident of ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this state for two (2) years,
22 has been a registered voter of the party whose nomination he or she
23 seeks, or a registered Independent, within the county from which
24 such person seeks election for the six (6) months next preceding the
first day of the filing period, is at least twenty-five (25) years

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

19 For purposes of this section, "peace officer" shall mean a full-
20 time duly appointed or elected officer who is paid for working more
21 than twenty-five (25) hours per week and whose duties are to
22 preserve the public peace, protect life and property, prevent crime,
23 serve warrants, and enforce ~~state, federal or military~~ laws, the
24 laws of any state in the United States, and the local ordinances of

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

8 B. 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 provided in subsection A 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 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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