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9 A BILL
10 TO BE ENTITLED
11 AN ACT
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13 Relating to Autauga County and the office of
14 sheriff; to provide certain additional qualifications for
15 persons serving as sheriff; to provide for continuing
16 education for a sheriff; and to further provide for the
17 compensation and expense allowance of the sheriff.

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

19 Section 1. This act shall apply only to Autauga
20 County.

21 Section 2. After the effective date of this act, any
22 person qualifying for election to the office of sheriff in the
23 county or any person appointed to serve as sheriff, in
24 addition to any other qualifications required by law, shall
25 meet all of the following minimum qualifications:

- 26 (1) The person is a citizen of the United States.

1 (2) The person has been a resident of the county for
2 at least one year immediately prior to the qualification date.

3 (3) The person has the qualifications of an elector
4 pursuant to state and federal law and the person has been
5 registered to vote in the county at least one year immediately
6 prior to qualifying.

7 (4) The person has been awarded a high school
8 diploma or a GED equivalence.

9 (5) The person is 25 years of age or older prior to
10 qualifying.

11 (6) The person has three or more years of prior
12 service as a law enforcement officer with the power to arrest.

13 (7) The person has never been convicted of a felony.

14 Section 3. Upon election, the sheriff of the county
15 shall attend annually a minimum of 12 hours of executive level
16 continuing education approved by the Alabama Sheriff's
17 Association or the National Sheriff's Association.

18 Certification of annual continuing education shall be filed
19 with the judge of probate of the county by December 31.

20 Section 4. (a) The Sheriff of Autauga County shall
21 receive an annual expense allowance of twelve thousand dollars
22 (\$12,000), payable in equal biweekly installments from the
23 general fund of the county. This expense allowance shall be in
24 addition to all other compensation or benefits granted to the
25 sheriff and may be treated as compensation for retirement
26 purposes.

1 (b) Effective beginning the next term of office, the
2 annual salary of the Sheriff of Autauga County shall be
3 increased by twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) and the expense
4 allowance provided for in subsection (a) shall be null and
5 void.

6 (c) In addition, notwithstanding any other provision
7 of law, the sheriff shall continue to receive any uniform
8 cost-of-living or other salary increases granted by the county
9 commission to other elected officials in the county.

10 Section 5. All laws or parts of laws which conflict
11 with this act are repealed.

12 Section 6. This act shall become effective
13 immediately following its passage and approval by the
14 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.