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House of Representatives, March 11, 2021

An Act To Clarify the Qualifications and Oversight of Sheriffs

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative PICKETT of Dixfield.

Cosponsored by Representatives: COSTAIN of Plymouth, DOLLOFF of Milton Township, HEAD of Bethel, NEWMAN of Belgrade, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, WADSWORTH of Hiram, Senator: KEIM of Oxford.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §371-B, sub-§3, ¶D**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 342, §33, is
3 further amended to read:

4 D. The candidate submits written certification from the Maine Criminal Justice
5 Academy that the candidate has:

6 (1) Met the basic law enforcement training standards under Title 25, section
7 2804-C; ~~or~~

8 ~~(2) Met the basic corrections training standards under Title 25, section 2804-D;~~
9 ~~and~~

10 (3) On an annual basis, met the in-service law enforcement training standards
11 under Title 25, section 2804-E; and

12 (4) On an annual basis, met any other statutory requirement of preservice, basic or
13 in-service law enforcement training required for certification or continued
14 certification as a law enforcement officer; and

15 **Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §371-B, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 510, Pt. C, §11,
16 is further amended to read:

17 **4. Exception.** Any person who served as a full-time law enforcement officer
18 employed by a state agency, including the University of Maine System, on or before July
19 1, 1990 or is serving in the office of sheriff on June 26, 1997 2021 or ~~who~~ served prior to
20 that date is deemed to meet the minimum qualifications of subsection 3.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill requires a candidate for sheriff or someone serving as sheriff to have met and
23 continue to meet any statutory requirements of preservice, basic or in-service law
24 enforcement training required for certification or continued certification as a law
25 enforcement officer. This bill also provides that any person who served as a full-time law
26 enforcement officer employed by a state agency, including the University of Maine System,
27 on or before July 1, 1990 is considered to have met the standards required by this bill.