

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

3 SENATE BILL 314

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to counties and county officers;  
8 amending 19 O.S. 2011, Section 510, which relates to  
9 qualifications for the office of county sheriff;  
10 deleting obsolete language; modifying qualifications  
11 to hold or file as candidate for office; clarifying  
12 language; and providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2011, Section 510, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 510. A. Any person, otherwise qualified, ~~who has~~ shall  
17 be eligible to hold the office of county sheriff or to file as a  
candidate therefor if such person:

18 1. Has been a resident of the State of Oklahoma for two (2)  
19 years, ~~has;~~

20 2. Has been a registered voter of the party whose nomination he  
21 or she seeks, or a registered Independent, within the county from  
22 which such person seeks election, for the six (6) months next  
23 preceding the first day of the filing period, ~~except in 2004, when~~

1 ~~such person must have been a qualified registered elector no later~~  
2 ~~than December 21, 2003, is;~~

3 3. Is at least twenty-five (25) years of age next preceding the  
4 date of filing for office, ~~possesses;~~

5 4. Possesses at least a high school education, ~~shall be~~  
6 ~~eligible to hold the office of county sheriff or to file therefor.~~  
7 ~~Provided, however, in;~~

8 5. Has served as a duly certified peace officer, in a full-time  
9 capacity, for a period of three (3) years or more prior to the date  
10 of filing for the office of county sheriff; and

11 6. In counties with populations of five hundred thousand  
12 (500,000) or more, the person seeking election shall also be a ~~holds~~  
13 a current certified certification as a peace officer in good  
14 standing.

15 B. Within twelve (12) months of taking office, all newly  
16 elected or appointed sheriffs shall complete a sheriff's  
17 administrative school which has been developed by the Oklahoma  
18 Sheriff's Association and which has been approved by the Council on  
19 Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET). Failure to complete  
20 the sheriff's administrative school within the specified period  
21 shall preclude the new sheriff from obtaining CLEET certification.  
22 New sheriffs with prior CLEET certification, who fail to attend the  
23 sheriff's administrative school, shall have their CLEET  
24 certification revoked.

1        C. Provided, however, the provisions of this section relating  
2 to qualifications shall not apply to any person serving as a county  
3 sheriff or to any person previously serving as county sheriff prior  
4 to the adoption of this statute.

5        SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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