

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

3 SENATE BILL 673

By: Griffin

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to county sheriffs; amending 19 O.S.
8 2011, section 510, which relates to candidate
9 qualifications; modifying certain certified peace
10 officer requirement; and providing an effective date.

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

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

14 Section 510. Any person, otherwise qualified, who has been a
15 resident of the State of Oklahoma for two (2) years, has been a
16 registered voter of the party whose nomination he or she seeks, or a
17 registered Independent, within the county from which such person
18 seeks election for the six (6) months next preceding the first day
19 of the filing period, except in 2004, when such person must have
20 been a qualified registered elector no later than December 21, 2003,
21 is at least twenty-five (25) years of age next preceding the date of
22 filing for office, possesses at least a high school education, shall
23 be eligible to hold the office of county sheriff or to file
24 therefor. Provided, however, in counties with populations of ~~five~~

1 ~~hundred thousand (500,000)~~ fifty thousand (50,000) or more, the
2 person seeking election shall also be a current certified peace
3 officer in good standing. Within twelve (12) months of taking
4 office, all newly elected or appointed sheriffs shall complete a
5 sheriff's administrative school which has been developed by the
6 Oklahoma Sheriff's Association and which has been approved by the
7 Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET). Failure
8 to complete the sheriff's administrative school within the specified
9 period shall preclude the new sheriff from obtaining CLEET
10 certification. New sheriffs with prior CLEET certification, who
11 fail to attend the sheriff's administrative school, shall have their
12 CLEET certification revoked. Provided, however, the provisions of
13 this section relating to qualifications shall not apply to any
14 person serving as a county sheriff or to any person previously
15 serving as county sheriff prior to the adoption of this statute.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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