

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 April 15, 2025

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
4 HOUSE BILL NO. 1414

By: West (Josh) of the House

5 and

6 Hamilton of the Senate

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9 [counties and county officers - sheriff - experience
requirement - effective date]

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

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

15 Section 510. A. Any person, otherwise qualified, who has been
16 a resident of ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this state for two (2) years,
17 has been a registered voter of the party whose nomination he or she
18 seeks, or a registered Independent, within the county from which
19 such person seeks election for the six (6) months next preceding the
20 first day of the filing period, is at least twenty-five (25) years
21 of age next preceding the date of filing for office, possesses at
22 least a high school education, and has served as a duly certified
23 peace officer, in a full-time capacity, for a period of four (4)
24 years or more prior to the date of filing for the office of county

1 sheriff, shall be eligible to hold the office of county sheriff or
2 to file therefor. Within twelve (12) months of taking office, all
3 newly elected or appointed sheriffs shall complete a sheriff's
4 administrative school which has been developed by the Oklahoma
5 Sheriffs' Association and which has been approved by the Council on
6 Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET). Failure to complete
7 the sheriff's administrative school within the specified period
8 shall preclude the new sheriff from obtaining CLEET certification.
9 New sheriffs with prior CLEET certification, who fail to attend the
10 sheriff's administrative school, shall have their CLEET
11 certification revoked. Provided, however, the provisions of this
12 section relating to qualifications shall not apply to any person
13 serving as a county sheriff or to any person previously serving as
14 county sheriff prior to the adoption of this statute.

15 For purposes of this section, "peace officer" shall mean a full-
16 time duly appointed or elected officer who is paid for working more
17 than twenty-five (25) hours per week and whose duties are to
18 preserve the public peace, protect life and property, prevent crime,
19 serve warrants, and enforce ~~state, federal or military laws, the~~
20 laws of any state in the United States, and the local ordinances of
21 ~~this state or~~ any political subdivision ~~thereof of such state.~~ A
22 candidate shall present proof of police qualification at the time of
23 filing a declaration of candidacy with the secretary of the county
24 election board as described in Section 5-111 of Title 26 of the

1 Oklahoma Statutes. The Secretary of the State Election Board may
2 prescribe a form to be included as part of the documented proof of
3 police or veteran experience as required by this section.

4 B. Any veteran who has served as military police may count four
5 (4) or more years of service as military police to meet the
6 experience requirement provided in subsection A of this section. A
7 veteran shall present a Certificate of Release or Discharge from
8 Active Duty (DD Form 214) when filing a declaration of candidacy as
9 verification of military police experience.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

11 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT
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