

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 HOUSE BILL 1414

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to counties and county officers;
8 amending 19 O.S. 2021, Section 510, which relates to
9 qualifications for county sheriff; permitting
military police service to meet experience
requirement; requiring certain document be presented
when filing; and providing an effective date.

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

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

14 Section 510. A. Any person, otherwise qualified, who has been
15 a 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, is at least twenty-five (25) years of age next
20 preceding the date of filing for office, possesses at least a high
21 school education and has served as a duly certified peace officer,
22 in a full-time capacity, for a period of four (4) years or more
23 prior to the date of filing for the office of county sheriff, shall

1 | be eligible to hold the office of county sheriff or to file
2 | therefor. Within twelve (12) months of taking office, all newly
3 | 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 and
20 | local ordinances of this state or any political subdivision thereof.

21 | B. Veterans who have served as military police may count four
22 | (4) or more years of service as military police to meet the
23 | experience requirement listed in subsection A of this section.
24 | Veterans must present a Certificate of Release or Discharge from

1 | Active Duty (DD Form 214) when filing as verification of military
2 | police experience.

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

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