

1 ENGROSSED SENATE AMENDMENT
2 TO
3 ENGROSSED HOUSE
4 BILL NO. 1414

By: West (Josh) of the House

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7 and

8 Hamilton of the Senate

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

16 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Page 1, strike the title, enacting clause and
17 entire bill and insert

18 "An Act relating to counties and county officers;
19 amending 19 O.S. 2021, Section 510, which relates to
20 qualifications for county sheriff; defining term;
21 modifying eligibility to file for certain office;
22 requiring certain document be presented when filing
23 declaration of candidacy for certain office;
24 authorizing Secretary of State Election Board to
prescribe certain form; permitting military police
service to meet certain experience requirement;
requiring certain verification; and providing an
effective date.

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

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

1 Section 510. A. As used in this section, "peace officer" shall
2 mean a full-time duly appointed or elected officer who is currently
3 or has previously been paid for working more than twenty-five (25)
4 hours per week and whose duties include or included preserving the
5 public peace, protection of life and property, prevention of crime,
6 service of warrants, and the enforcement of:

- 7 1. Federal laws;
- 8 2. The laws of this state;
- 9 3. The laws of any other state in the United States; or
- 10 4. The local ordinances of any political subdivision of such

11 state.

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

1 C. A candidate shall present proof of peace officer
2 qualification at the time of filing a declaration of candidacy with
3 the secretary of the county election board as described in Section
4 5-111 of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The Secretary of the
5 State Election Board may prescribe a form to be included as part of
6 the documented proof of police or veteran experience as required by
7 this section.

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

14 E. Within twelve (12) months of taking office, all newly
15 elected or appointed sheriffs shall complete a sheriff's
16 administrative school which has been developed by the Oklahoma
17 Sheriffs' Association and which has been approved by the Council on
18 Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET). Failure to complete
19 the sheriff's administrative school within the specified period
20 shall preclude the new sheriff from obtaining CLEET certification.
21 New sheriffs with prior CLEET certification, who fail to attend the
22 sheriff's administrative school, shall have their CLEET
23 certification revoked. Provided, however, the provisions of this
24 section relating to qualifications shall not apply to any person

1 serving as a county sheriff or to any person previously serving as
2 county sheriff prior to the adoption of this statute.

3 ~~For purposes of this section, "peace officer" shall mean a full-~~
4 ~~time duly appointed or elected officer who is paid for working more~~
5 ~~than twenty-five (25) hours per week and whose duties are to~~
6 ~~preserve the public peace, protect life and property, prevent crime,~~
7 ~~serve warrants, and enforce state, federal or military laws and~~
8 ~~local ordinances of this state or any political subdivision thereof.~~

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

10 Passed the Senate the 5th day of May, 2025.

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13 Presiding Officer of the Senate

14 Passed the House of Representatives the _____ day of _____,
15 2025.

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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
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5 | Sheriffs' Association and which has been approved by the Council on
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12 | section relating to qualifications shall not apply to any person
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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~~ any U.S. state or any political subdivision
21 | thereof. Candidates must present proof of police qualification at
22 | the time of filing.

23 | B. Veterans who have served as military police may count four
24 | (4) or more years of service as military police to meet the

1 experience requirement listed in subsection A of this section.
2 Veterans must present a Certificate of Release or Discharge from
3 Active Duty (DD Form 214) when filing as verification of military
4 police experience.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

Passed the House of Representatives the 17th day of March, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the _____ day of _____, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the Senate