

1 SB338  
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3 By Senator Whatley (N & P)  
4 RFD: Local Legislation  
5 First Read: 04-MAY-20

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4 With Notice and Proof

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6 ENROLLED, An Act,

7 Relating to Lee County; to provide for the  
8 qualifications of the sheriff; and to require completion of  
9 continuing education.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

11 Section 1. This act shall only apply in Lee County.

12 Section 2. (a) On or after the effective date of  
13 this act, a person qualifying for election to the office of  
14 sheriff in the county or any person appointed to serve as a  
15 sheriff shall meet all of the following minimum  
16 qualifications, in addition to any other qualifications  
17 required by law:

18 (1) The person is a citizen of the United States.

19 (2) The person has been a resident of the county for  
20 at least one year immediately prior to the qualification date.

21 (3) The person has the qualifications of an elector  
22 pursuant to state and federal law and the person has been  
23 registered to vote in the county at least one year immediately  
24 prior to qualifying.

1           (4) The person has been awarded a high school  
2 diploma or a GED equivalent.

3           (5) The person is 25 years of age or older prior to  
4 qualifying.

5           (6) The person has three or more years of full-time  
6 prior service as a law enforcement officer having the power of  
7 arrest, which service is certified by the Alabama Peace  
8 Officers' Standards and Training Commission, and the person  
9 has not been retired or separated from full-time active law  
10 enforcement certified through the Alabama Peace Officers'  
11 Standards and Training Commission for more than two  
12 consecutive years from the date of qualifying, or in the event  
13 the person has been retired or separated from active law  
14 enforcement for more than two consecutive years, the person  
15 has obtained a re-certification of full-time active law  
16 enforcement status as a law enforcement officer from the  
17 Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission  
18 prior to the date of qualifying.

19           (7) The person has never been convicted of a felony  
20 criminal offense in this state or convicted of a criminal  
21 offense in another jurisdiction where a conviction of the  
22 offense would be considered a felony offense in this state.

23           Section 3. Upon election, the sheriff of the county  
24 shall attend annually a minimum of 20 hours of executive level  
25 continuing education approved by the Alabama Sheriff's

1 Association, National Sheriff's Association, or any other  
2 recognized executive level continuing education program  
3 designed for law enforcement.

4 Section 4. This act shall become effective  
5 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
6 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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House of Representatives  
Passed: 08-MAY-20

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