

1 SB338
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3 By Senator Whatley (N & P)
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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (7) The person has never been convicted of a felony
24 criminal offense in this state or convicted of a criminal
25 offense in another jurisdiction where a conviction of the
26 offense would be considered a felony offense in this state.

1 Section 3. Upon election, the sheriff of the county
2 shall attend annually a minimum of 20 hours of executive level
3 continuing education approved by the Alabama Sheriff's
4 Association, National Sheriff's Association, or any other
5 recognized executive level continuing education program
6 designed for law enforcement.

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