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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to Shelby 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 Shelby County.

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

(1) Is a citizen of the United States.

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

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

(4) Has been awarded a four-year college degree from a college or university accredited by the Southern Association



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29 of Colleges and Universities (SACS) or one of the other five
30 associated regional accreditation agencies.

31 (5) Is 25 years of age or older prior to qualifying.

32 (6) The individual has 10 or more years of full-time
33 prior service as a law enforcement officer having the power of
34 arrest, which service is certified by the Alabama Peace
35 Officers' Standards and Training Commission.

36 (7) Either of the following:

37 a. Has not been retired or separated from full-time
38 active law enforcement certified through the Alabama Peace
39 Officers' Standards and Training Commission for more than two
40 consecutive years from the date of qualifying.

41 b. In the event the individual has been retired or
42 separated from active law enforcement for more than two
43 consecutive years, the individual has obtained a
44 recertification of full-time active law enforcement status as
45 a law enforcement officer from the Alabama Peace Officers'
46 Standards and Training Commission prior to the date of
47 qualifying.

48 (8) The individual has never been convicted of a felony
49 criminal offense in this state or convicted of a criminal
50 offense in another jurisdiction where a conviction of the
51 offense would be considered a felony offense in this state.

52 Section 3. Upon election or appointment, the sheriff of
53 the county shall attend annually a minimum of 20 hours of
54 executive level continuing education approved by the Alabama
55 Sheriff's Association or the National Sheriff's Association,
56 or any other recognized executive level continuing education



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57 program designed for law enforcement.

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

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