

1 HB395
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8 SYNOPSIS: Currently, persons holding the office of
9 sheriff must be a qualified elector of the state.

10 This bill would set additional minimum
11 qualifications for persons elected or appointed to
12 serve as sheriff as follows: That the person is a
13 U.S. citizen, has been a resident and registered
14 voter of the county for one year prior to election
15 or appointment, is a high school graduate or the
16 equivalent, is the age of 25 years or older, has
17 three or more years prior law enforcement service
18 in a capacity having power of arrest, and has never
19 been convicted of a felony.

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21 A BILL

22 TO BE ENTITLED

23 AN ACT

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25 Relating to the office of sheriff; to provide
26 certain additional qualifications for persons serving as
27 sheriff.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

2 Section 1. On and after the effective date of this
3 section, any person seeking election to an office as sheriff
4 and any person appointed to serve as a sheriff shall meet all
5 of the following minimum qualifications, in addition to any
6 other qualifications required by law:

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

8 (2) The person has been a resident of the county in
9 which the person is a candidate for or is appointed to the
10 office of sheriff for at least one year immediately prior to
11 the qualification date.

12 (3) The person has the qualifications of an elector
13 pursuant to state and federal law and the person has been
14 registered to vote at least one year immediately prior to
15 qualifying in the county where the person seeks office.

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

18 (4) The person has been awarded a high school
19 diploma or a GED equivalence.

20 (6) The person has three or more years of prior
21 service as a law enforcement officer having the power of
22 arrest.

23 (7) The person has never been convicted of a felony.

24 Section 2. This act shall become effective
25 immediately following its passage and approval by the
26 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.