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3 By Senator Whatley (N & P)  
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9 A BILL  
10 TO BE ENTITLED  
11 AN ACT  
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13 Relating to Russell County and the office of  
14 sheriff; to provide certain additional qualifications for  
15 persons serving as sheriff; and to provide for continuing  
16 education for a sheriff.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

18 Section 1. This act shall apply only to Russell  
19 County.

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

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

26 (2) The person has been a resident of the county for  
27 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 equivalence.

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 service as a law enforcement officer having the power of  
11 arrest.

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

13           (b) Upon election, the sheriff of the county shall  
14 attend annually a minimum of 12 hours of executive level  
15 continuing education approved by the Alabama Sheriff's  
16 Association or the National Sheriff's Association.

17           Section 3. This act shall not apply to or affect a  
18 supernumerary sheriff.

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