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3 By Senator Price (N & P)
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9 A BILL
10 TO BE ENTITLED
11 AN ACT
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13 Relating to Randolph County; to provide for the
14 qualifications of the sheriff; and to require completion of
15 continuing education.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

17 Section 1. This act shall only apply in Randolph
18 County.

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

25 (1) Is a citizen of the United States.

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

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

5 (4) Has been awarded a high school diploma or a GED
6 equivalent.

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

8 (6) Has three or more years of full-time prior
9 service as a law enforcement officer having the power of
10 arrest, which service is certified by the Alabama Peace
11 Officers' Standards and Training Commission.

12 (7) Either of the following:

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

17 b. In the event the individual has been retired or
18 separated from active law enforcement for more than two
19 consecutive years, the individual has obtained a
20 recertification of full-time active law enforcement status as
21 a law enforcement officer from the Alabama Peace Officers'
22 Standards and Training Commission prior to the date of
23 qualifying.

24 (8) Has never been convicted of a felony criminal
25 offense in this state or convicted of a criminal offense in
26 another jurisdiction where a conviction of the offense would
27 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 Sheriffs
4 Association, National Sheriffs' 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.