

1 HB381
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3 By Representative Standridge (N & P)
4 RFD: Local Legislation
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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to Blount County; to amend Section 45-5-230, Code of Alabama 1975, providing for the compensation of the sheriff, to further provide for the salary of the sheriff; and to provide for the qualifications to hold the office of sheriff.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 45-5-230, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§45-5-230.

~~"(a) Commencing July 1, 2000, the Sheriff of Blount County shall be entitled to an additional expense allowance in the amount of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) per annum, which shall be in addition to all other expense allowances, compensation, or salary provided by law. This expense~~

1 ~~allowance shall be payable in equal monthly installments from~~
2 ~~the general fund of the county.~~

3 ~~"(b) (a)~~ Beginning with the expiration of the term of
4 the incumbent sheriff in office on the effective date of this
5 amendatory act, the annual salary for the Sheriff of Blount
6 County shall be ~~fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) per annum~~
7 equal to 90 percent of the annual base salary of the judge of
8 probate of the county, payable in equal monthly installments
9 from the general fund of the county ~~and at that time,~~
10 ~~subsection (a) shall become null and void.~~

11 ~~"(c) The expense allowance and (b) The~~ salary
12 provided in this section shall be inoperative if the sheriff
13 receives an additional expense allowance or salary increase
14 pursuant to general law during the current term of office or
15 effective upon the beginning of the next term of office which
16 is equal to or greater than the amount provided by this
17 section."

18 Section 2. (a) Any individual appointed to serve as
19 Sheriff of Blount County shall meet all of the following
20 minimum qualifications, in addition to any other
21 qualifications required by law; and, effective on the first
22 day of the qualifying period for the 2026 election for the
23 office of sheriff, any individual qualifying for election to
24 the office of sheriff shall meet all of the following
25 qualifications, in addition to any other qualifications
26 required by law:

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

3 (2) The individual has been a resident of the county
4 for at least one year immediately prior to the date of
5 qualification or appointment.

6 (3) The individual has the qualifications of an
7 elector pursuant to state and federal law, and the individual
8 has been registered to vote in the county at least one year
9 immediately prior to the date of qualification or appointment.

10 (4) The individual has been awarded a high school
11 diploma or GED equivalent.

12 (5) The individual is 25 years of age or older prior
13 to qualifying or being appointed.

14 (6) The individual has three or more cumulative
15 years of prior full-time experience as a law enforcement
16 officer having the power of arrest.

17 (7) The individual has never been convicted of a
18 felony.

19 (b) This section shall not apply to or affect a
20 supernumerary sheriff.

21 Section 3. This act shall become effective on
22 immediately following its passage and approval by the
23 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.