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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to Marion County; to create additional qualifications for the office of sheriff.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. In Marion County, after the effective date of this act, any individual seeking to qualify for election to the office of sheriff or any individual appointed to serve as sheriff shall meet all of the following minimum qualifications in addition to any other qualifications required by law:

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

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

(3) The individual has the qualifications of an elector pursuant to state and federal law and has been registered to vote in Marion County for at least one year immediately prior to the qualification date or appointment date.

(4) The individual has attained a high school diploma or its equivalent, such as a GED.

(5) The individual is 25 years of age or older prior to the qualification date or appointment date.



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29 (6) The individual has at least three years of prior
30 full-time service as a law enforcement officer having the
31 power of arrest, certified by the Alabama Peace Officers'
32 Standards and Training Commission.

33 (7) The individual has never been convicted of a felony
34 criminal offense nor been convicted of a criminal offense in
35 another jurisdiction that would qualify as a felony if
36 committed in this state.

37 (8) The individual has either of the following
38 qualifications:

39 a. Has not been retired or separated from full-time
40 active law enforcement, certified through the Alabama Peace
41 Officers' Standards and Training Commission, for more than two
42 consecutive years immediately prior to the qualification date
43 or appointment date.

44 b. If the individual does not qualify under a., the
45 individual has obtained a recertification of full-time active
46 law enforcement status as a law enforcement officer from the
47 Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission
48 prior to the qualification date or appointment date.

49 Section 2. Each year, the Sheriff of Marion County
50 shall attend a minimum of 12 hours of executive level
51 continuing education training approved by the Alabama Sheriffs
52 Association, the National Sheriffs' Association, or any other
53 recognized executive level continuing education training
54 designed for law enforcement.

55 Section 3. This act shall become effective immediately
56 following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its



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57 otherwise becoming law.