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9 A BILL
10 TO BE ENTITLED
11 AN ACT
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13 Relating to Jefferson 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. The act shall only apply in Jefferson
19 County.

20 Section 2. After the effective date of this act, a
21 person qualifying for election to the office of sheriff in the
22 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 four-year college
6 degree from an accredited university.

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

9 (6) The person at the time of qualifying has three
10 or more years of immediate prior service as a law enforcement
11 officer having the power of arrest, which service is certified
12 by the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training
13 Commission, and the person has not been retired or separated
14 from full-time active law enforcement certified through the
15 Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission for
16 more than two consecutive years from the date of qualifying,
17 or in the event the person has been retired or separated from
18 active law enforcement for more than two consecutive years,
19 the person has obtained a recertification of full-time active
20 law enforcement status as a law enforcement officer from the
21 Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission
22 prior to the date of qualifying.

23 (7) The person has never been convicted of a felony
24 criminal offense in this state or convicted of a criminal
25 offense in another jurisdiction where a conviction of the
26 offense would 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 continuing
3 education approved by the Alabama Sheriffs Association,
4 National Sheriffs' Association, or any other recognized
5 executive level continuing education program designed for law
6 enforcement.

7 Section 4. This act shall not apply to or affect a
8 supernumerary sheriff.

9 Section 5. This act shall become effective
10 immediately following its passage and approval by the
11 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.