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ENROLLED, An Act,

Relating to Choctaw County; to provide for the qualifications of the sheriff; and to require completion of continuing education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. This act shall only apply in Choctaw County.

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

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

(2) The person has been a resident of the county for at least one year immediately prior to the qualification date.

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

(4) The person has been awarded a high school diploma or a GED equivalent.

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

1 (6) The person has three or more years of full-time
2 prior service as a law enforcement officer having the power of
3 arrest, which service is certified by the Alabama Peace
4 Officers' Standards and Training Commission, and the person
5 has not been retired or separated from full-time active law
6 enforcement certified through the Alabama Peace Officers'
7 Standards and Training Commission for more than two
8 consecutive years from the date of qualifying, or in the event
9 the person has been retired or separated from active law
10 enforcement for more than two consecutive years, the person
11 has obtained a re-certification of full-time active law
12 enforcement status as a law enforcement officer from the
13 Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission
14 prior to the date of qualifying.

15 (7) The person has never been convicted of a felony
16 criminal offense in this state or convicted of a criminal
17 offense in another jurisdiction where a conviction of the
18 offense would be considered a felony offense in this state.

19 Section 3. Upon election, the sheriff of the county
20 shall attend annually a minimum of 12 hours of executive level
21 continuing education approved by the Alabama Sheriff's
22 Association, National Sheriff's Association, or any other
23 recognized executive level continuing education program
24 designed for law enforcement. Certification of annual

1 continuing education shall be filed with the judge of probate
2 of the county by December 31 of each year.

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

