

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1725

By: Representative Schulz

By: Senator B. Davis

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF
SHERIFF; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING COMPENSATION FOR
THE OFFICE OF SHERIFF; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE OFFICE
OF SHERIFF; AND TO AMEND THE LAW
CONCERNING COMPENSATION FOR THE OFFICE
OF SHERIFF.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 14, Chapter 14, Subchapter 12, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

14-14-1214. Compensation of sheriffs.

(a) A quorum court shall fix by ordinance the annual salary of the sheriff as provided under § 14-14-1204 subject to the adjustments provided by § 14-14-1210 or otherwise provided by law.

(b) If an individual elected or appointed to the office of sheriff does not have the training or experience provided under § 14-14-1315(a)(1) or § 14-14-1315(a)(2) as documented on the filing required under § 14-14-1315, the quorum court shall fix by ordinance the annual salary of the sheriff at the minimum provided by § 14-14-1204, subject to the adjustments provided by § 14-14-1210.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 14, Chapter 14, Subchapter 13, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:



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14-14-1315. Required documentation for newly elected or appointed sheriffs.

(a) Within ten (10) days of his or her election or appointment, an individual elected or appointed to the office of sheriff shall file documentation with the county clerk that the individual:

(1) Is in compliance with the selection and training requirements for certification set by and documented by the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy;

(2) Is eligible to be employed as a law enforcement officer under § 12-9-112; or

(3) Does not have the training or experience provided under subdivision (a)(1) or subdivision (a)(2) of this section.

(b) The county clerk shall provide copies of the documentation required under subsection (a) of this section to the quorum court before the individual elected or appointed to the office of sheriff takes office.

(c)(1) An individual elected or appointed to the office of sheriff that subsequently meets the training or experience under subdivision (a)(1) or subdivision (a)(2) of this section may file documentation of the training or experience with the county clerk.

(2) The county clerk shall provide copies of the documentation submitted under subdivision (c)(1) of this section to the quorum court, which may be considered when the quorum court is determining compensation under § 14-14-1214.

SECTION 3. DO NOT CODIFY. Effective date. This act is effective on and after December 31, 2026.