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9 A BILL
10 TO BE ENTITLED
11 AN ACT
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13 Relating to Wilcox County; to provide for the
14 qualifications of the sheriff; and to require completion of
15 continuing education.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

17 Section 1. This act shall only apply in Wilcox
18 County.

19 Section 2. (a) On or after the effective date of
20 this act, a person qualifying for election to the office of
21 sheriff in the county or any person appointed to serve as a
22 sheriff shall meet all of the following minimum
23 qualifications, in addition to any other qualifications
24 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 high school
6 diploma or a GED equivalence.

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

9 (6) The person has three or more years of prior
10 service as a law enforcement officer.

11 (7) The person has never been convicted of a felony.

12 (b) Upon election, the sheriff of the county shall
13 attend annually a minimum of 12 hours of continuing education
14 approved by the Alabama Sheriff's Association or the National
15 Sheriff's Association.

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