



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

Reps. Gerberry, Murray, O'Brien, Antonio

BILL SUMMARY

- Requires candidates for sheriff to have at least two years of supervisory experience as a peace officer at the rank of corporal, sergeant, or above or to have satisfactorily completed, at a minimum, a two-year associate degree.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Qualifications for sheriff

Experience and educational requirement

The bill revises the experience and educational requirements for a candidate for sheriff. Under the bill, such a candidate must meet at least one of the following requirements:

- (1) The candidate must have at least two years of supervisory experience as a peace officer at the rank of corporal, sergeant, or above, or have been appointed and served at the rank of sergeant or above, in the previous five years; or
- (2) The candidate must have completed satisfactorily, at a minimum, a two-year associate degree.

Existing law

A candidate for sheriff is required to meet various training and educational requirements in addition to the general qualifications for being a candidate for office. For example, a candidate for sheriff must have been fingerprinted and have been the subject of a criminal records check.

Among other qualifications, existing law requires a candidate for sheriff to have at least two years of supervisory experience as a peace officer at the rank of corporal or above or have been appointed and served at the rank of sergeant or above, in the previous five years, or have completed satisfactorily at least two years of post secondary education or the equivalent in semester or quarter hours.¹

HISTORY

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¹ R.C. 311.01.

