STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

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An Act To Clarify the Qualifications and Oversight of Sheriffs

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

- **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §371-B, sub-§3, ¶D,** as amended by PL 2011, c. 342, §33, is further amended to read:
 - D. The candidate submits written certification from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy that the candidate has:
 - (1) Met <u>Is currently certified as a law enforcement officer and has met</u> the basic law enforcement training standards under Title 25, section 2804-C; or
 - (2) Met the basic corrections training standards under Title 25, section 2804-D; and
 - (3) Was previously certified as a law enforcement officer and agrees to meet the basic law enforcement training standards under Title 25, section 2804-C within one year of taking office; and
 - Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §371-B, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:
- **3-A. Ongoing training.** A person appointed to the office of sheriff shall continually meet the in-service law enforcement training standards under Title 25, section 2804-E and any other statutory requirements of preservice, basic or in-service law enforcement training required for certification or continued certification as a law enforcement officer.
- **Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §371-B, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 2003, c. 510, Pt. C, §11, is further amended to read:
- **4. Exception.** Any person who <u>served as a full-time law enforcement officer employed by a municipal police department or a state agency, including the University of Maine System, on or before July 1, 1990 or is serving in the office of sheriff on June 26, 1997 2021 or who served prior to that date is deemed to meet the minimum qualifications of subsection 3.</u>