

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2801

## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE FREDERICK.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To repeal section 57.010, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to qualifications for the office of sheriff.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 57.010, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 57.010, to read as follows:

57.010. 1. At the general election to be held in 1948, and at each general election held every four years thereafter, the voters in every county in this state shall elect some suitable person sheriff. No person shall be eligible for the office of sheriff who has been convicted of a felony. Such person shall be a resident taxpayer and elector of said county, shall have resided in said county for more than one whole year next before filing for said office and shall be a person capable of efficient law enforcement. When any person shall be elected sheriff, such person shall enter upon the discharge of the duties of such person's office as chief law enforcement officer of that county on the first day of January next succeeding said election.

2. No person shall be eligible for the office of sheriff who [does not hold a valid peace officer license pursuant to chapter 590. Any person filing for the office of sheriff shall have a valid peace officer license at the time of filing for office] **has not been employed in a law enforcement position for a period of at least five years at a city, county, state, or federal level. A person's employment in law enforcement within a Department of Defense agency shall qualify as employment under this subsection.** This subsection shall not apply to the sheriff of any county of the first classification with a charter form of government with a population over nine hundred thousand or of any city not within a county.

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.