



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB1655

Introduced 1/28/2025, by Rep. Justin Slaughter

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

55 ILCS 5/3-6001.5

Amends the Counties Code. Provides that, in a county with a population of 3,000,000 or more, a person is not eligible to be elected or appointed to the office of sheriff, unless the person has a certificate attesting to the person's successful completion of the County Correctional Training Course as prescribed by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board or a substantially similar training program of another state or the federal government.

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1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by changing
5 Section 3-6001.5 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/3-6001.5)

7 Sec. 3-6001.5. Sheriff qualifications. A person is not
8 eligible to be elected or appointed to the office of sheriff,
9 unless that person meets all of the following requirements:

10 (1) Is a United States citizen.

11 (2) Has been a resident of the county for at least one
12 year.

13 (3) Is not a convicted felon.

14 (4) The person is seeking election or appointment to:

15 (A) the office of sheriff in a county with a
16 population of less than 3,000,000 and has ~~Has~~ a
17 certificate attesting to the person's ~~his or her~~
18 successful completion of the Minimum Standards Basic
19 Law Enforcement Officers Training Course, l as
20 prescribed by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training
21 Standards Board, l or a substantially similar training
22 program of another state or the federal government; or

23 (B) the office of sheriff in a county with a

1 population that is greater than or equal to 3,000,000
2 and has a certificate attesting to the person's
3 successful completion of the County Correctional
4 Training Course, as prescribed by the Illinois Law
5 Enforcement Training Standards Board, or a
6 substantially similar training program of another
7 state or the federal government.

8 Subparagraph (A) of ~~This~~ paragraph (4) does not apply to a
9 sheriff currently serving on the effective date of this
10 amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly. Subparagraph (B)
11 of paragraph (4) does not apply to a sheriff currently serving
12 on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th
13 General Assembly.

14 (Source: P.A. 101-652, eff. 1-1-22.)