

SENATE PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL 203

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016

AN ACT

RELATING TO COUNTIES; PROVIDING FOR QUALIFICATIONS TO SERVE AS
SHERIFF.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 4, Article 41 NMSA
1978 is enacted to read:

"~~[NEW MATERIAL]~~ SHERIFF--QUALIFICATIONS.--

A. In addition to other requirements imposed by
law, in order to be elected or appointed as a sheriff, a person
shall meet the following qualifications:

(1) have at least five years of professional
law enforcement experience that may include military law
enforcement experience;

(2) be a resident of the state for one year
and of the county for which the person is seeking to be elected

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1 or appointed sheriff;

2 (3) hold a certificate attesting to completion
3 of a basic law enforcement training program pursuant to Section
4 29-7-6.1 NMSA 1978; and

5 (4) not have been recalled from public office.

6 B. A voter may challenge the candidacy for election
7 to the office of sheriff of any person seeking nomination on
8 the grounds that the person seeking nomination does not meet
9 the qualification requirements of Subsection A of this section.
10 The challenge shall be made by filing a petition in the
11 district court within ten days after the day for filing a
12 declaration of candidacy, which petition shall be heard in the
13 same manner as provided in Subsection F of Section 1-8-26 NMSA
14 1978."