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House of Representatives, February 9, 2017

**An Act To Require That Candidates for the Office of County Sheriff
Who Meet the Basic Corrections Training Standards Have
Corrections Supervisory Experience**

Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HARRINGTON of Sanford.
Cosponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec and
Representatives: BATTLE of South Portland, CEBRA of Naples, GERRISH of Lebanon,
HARLOW of Portland, HERRICK of Paris, PICKETT of Dixfield, Senators: DION of
Cumberland, WOODSOME of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §371-B, sub-§3, ¶E,** as enacted by PL 2011, c. 342, §34, is
3 amended to read:

4 E. The candidate swears to or affirms that the candidate has at least 5 years of
5 supervisory employment experience and submits the name, address and telephone
6 number for the relevant employer or employers, except that, for a candidate who
7 submits written certification under paragraph D, subparagraph (2), the supervisory
8 experience under this paragraph must be in the field of corrections.

9 **Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §371-B, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 2003, c. 510, Pt. C, §11,
10 is further amended to read:

11 **4. Exception.** Any person who is serving in the office of sheriff on ~~June 26, 1997~~
12 January 1, 2018 or who served prior to that date is deemed to meet the minimum
13 qualifications of subsection 3.

14 **Sec. 3. Effective date.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2018.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 Current law requires a candidate for county sheriff to submit written certification
17 from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy that the person has met the basic law
18 enforcement training standards under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, section
19 2804-C or the basic corrections training standards under Title 25, section 2804-D. This
20 bill requires that a person who submits written certification that the person has met the
21 basic corrections training standards must also swear to or affirm that the person has at
22 least 5 years of supervisory employment experience in the field of corrections. A person
23 serving in the office of sheriff on January 1, 2018 or who served prior to that date is
24 exempt from this requirement. The bill includes an effective date of January 1, 2018.