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**HOUSE BILL 2664**

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**By** Representatives Lovick, Klippert, Goodman, and Fey

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1 AN ACT Relating to sheriff's office qualifications; amending RCW  
2 29A.24.091 and 36.28.025; and adding a new section to chapter 43.101  
3 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.101  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The criminal justice training commission shall establish and  
8 administer a sheriff preparation course for individuals who are not  
9 certified peace officers. The sheriff preparation course must be held  
10 at least once every four years.

11 (2) The criminal justice training commission must adopt rules to  
12 determine the duration and curricula to properly equip a person who  
13 is not a certified peace officer with the knowledge and skills  
14 necessary to occupy the office of sheriff.

15 (3) All costs associated with the sheriff preparation course not  
16 covered by the surcharge created in RCW 29A.24.091 must be entirely  
17 self-funded by those attending the course, and the commission must  
18 establish and assess a fee to each participant enrolled in the  
19 course.

1       **Sec. 2.** RCW 29A.24.091 and 2018 c 187 s 1 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       (1) A filing fee of ten dollars shall accompany the declaration  
4 of candidacy for any office with a fixed annual salary of one  
5 thousand dollars or less. A filing fee equal to one percent of the  
6 annual salary of the office at the time of filing shall accompany the  
7 declaration of candidacy for any office with a fixed annual salary of  
8 more than one thousand dollars per annum. No filing fee need  
9 accompany a declaration of candidacy for precinct committee officer  
10 or any office for which compensation is on a per diem or per meeting  
11 attended basis, or any declaration of candidacy for a write-in  
12 candidate filed after the close of filing and more than eighteen days  
13 prior to a primary or election.

14       (2) A filing fee of twenty-five dollars shall accompany the  
15 declaration of candidacy for write-in candidates for any office with  
16 a fixed annual salary of one thousand dollars or less if filed  
17 eighteen days or less prior to a primary or election.

18       (3) A filing fee equal to one percent of the annual salary of the  
19 office at the time of filing shall accompany a declaration of  
20 candidacy for write-in candidates for any office with a fixed annual  
21 salary of more than one thousand dollars per annum if filed eighteen  
22 days or less prior to a primary or election.

23       (4) A candidate who lacks sufficient assets or income at the time  
24 of filing to pay the filing fee required by this section shall submit  
25 with his or her declaration of candidacy a filing fee petition. The  
26 petition shall contain not less than a number of signatures of  
27 registered voters equal to the number of dollars of the filing fee.  
28 The signatures shall be of voters registered to vote within the  
29 jurisdiction of the office for which the candidate is filing.

30       When the candidacy is for:

31       (a) A statewide office, the United States senate, or the United  
32 States house of representatives, the fee shall be paid to the  
33 secretary of state;

34       (b) A legislative or judicial office that includes territory from  
35 more than one county, the fee shall be paid to the secretary of state  
36 for equal division between the treasuries of the counties comprising  
37 the district;

38       (c) A legislative or judicial office that includes territory from  
39 only one county, the fee shall be paid to the county auditor;

1 (d) A city or town office, the fee shall be paid to the county  
2 auditor who shall transmit it to the city or town clerk for deposit  
3 in the city or town treasury.

4 (5) In addition to the fees established pursuant to this section,  
5 any person filing a declaration of candidacy for the office of  
6 sheriff must pay a filing fee surcharge equal to one-half of one  
7 percent of the annual salary of the office of sheriff at the time of  
8 filing to fund the sheriff preparation course established in section  
9 1 of this act. The county auditor must remit the surcharge to the  
10 criminal justice training commission. A candidate for the office of  
11 sheriff submitting a filing fee petition pursuant to subsection (4)  
12 of this section must submit an additional number of unique signatures  
13 of voters registered to vote within the jurisdiction of the office of  
14 sheriff for which the candidate is filing equal to the number of  
15 dollars of the filing fee surcharge.

16 **Sec. 3.** RCW 36.28.025 and 1979 ex.s. c 153 s 6 are each amended  
17 to read as follows:

18 ((A)) (1) No person ((who)) may file((s)) a declaration of  
19 candidacy for the office of sheriff after September 1, ((1979, shall  
20 have,)) 2020, without first producing:

21 (a) Valid documentation showing that the person is currently  
22 certified as a general authority peace officer in the state of  
23 Washington;

24 (b) A bona fide letter from the criminal justice training  
25 commission showing that the person has been approved by the  
26 commission to receive a peace officer certification exemption or  
27 waiver; or

28 (c) A certificate of completion not more than four years old of  
29 the sheriff preparation course pursuant to section 1 of this act.

30 (2) Within twelve months of assuming the office of sheriff, the  
31 newly elected sheriff must have a certificate of completion of a  
32 ((basic law enforcement)) new sheriff training program which complies  
33 with standards adopted by the criminal justice training commission  
34 pursuant to RCW 43.101.080 ((and 43.101.160)).

35 (3) This ((requirement)) section does not apply to persons  
36 holding the office of sheriff in any county on September 1, ((1979))  
37 2020.

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