

Amendments to SB 424 – Prepared by Jason Thompson, Senior Assistant Revisor

Sec. 10. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 12-1,120 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (a) Each person holding office as chief of police of any city in this state shall be fingerprinted as provided by this section.
- (b) Before assuming the office of chief of police of any city in this state, a person shall be fingerprinted as provided by this section.
- (c) Fingerprinting pursuant to this section shall be done by the law enforcement agency of the city in the presence of the city clerk. The city clerk shall forthwith forward the fingerprints to the Kansas bureau of investigation for a search of state and national fingerprint files to determine whether the person qualifies for admission to the law enforcement training center pursuant to ~~subsection (e) of K.S.A. 74-5605~~ **subsection (f) of K.S.A. 74-5607**, and amendments thereto. The Kansas bureau of investigation shall certify any conviction record of the person, or lack thereof, found as a result of such search to the city clerk and, if such a record is found, to the attorney general.
- (d) Fingerprints taken and submitted pursuant to this section shall be on forms approved by the attorney general.
- (e) The cost of a search of fingerprint files pursuant to this section shall be paid by the person being fingerprinted.

Sec. 11. K.S.A. 19-801b is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (a) No person shall be eligible for nomination, election or appointment to the office of sheriff unless such person:
 - (1) Is a citizen of the United States and a qualified elector of the county;
 - (2) possesses a high-school education or its recognized equivalent; and
 - (3) has never been convicted of or pleaded guilty or entered a plea of *nolo contendere* to any felony charge, a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence as defined in K.S.A. 74-5602, and amendments thereto or to any violation of any federal or state laws or city ordinances relating to gambling, liquor or narcotics.
- (b) Every person elected to the office of sheriff for the first time, or anyone reelected or appointed to the office after having been out of the office for five years or more shall be required to attend the law enforcement training center as established by K.S.A. 74-5601 *et seq.*, and amendments thereto, and satisfactorily complete the required training course of not less than 320 hours, unless such person has satisfactorily completed such training course within the five years prior to election or appointment, passes a written competency test and firearms proficiency qualification course developed and administered by

the Kansas law enforcement training center or unless the ~~director~~ commission, as defined in subsection ~~(d)~~ (b) of K.S.A. 74-5602, and amendments thereto, waives the requirements of this subsection as provided in K.S.A. 74-5608a₂ and amendments thereto. Unless the requirements are waived, any person elected or appointed to the office of sheriff who has not attended the law enforcement training center shall hold office on a provisional basis, and such person shall attend the next scheduled training program at the law enforcement training center and satisfactorily complete such training program or the one subsequent to it, or shall forfeit such office.

(c) Each newly elected sheriff of each county who is required to attend the law enforcement training center shall be hired as a deputy sheriff and shall be paid a salary as deputy sheriff while attending the law enforcement training center. The tuition, board, room and travel expense for the sheriff-elect at the law enforcement training center shall be paid by the county.

Sec. 12. K.S.A. 31-157 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(a) The state fire marshal, the state fire marshal's deputies and full-time fire prevention personnel assigned investigation duties who are members of a paid fire department who have been certified by the state fire marshal pursuant to this section shall have the authority to make arrests, carry firearms and conduct searches and seizures while investigating any fire or explosion in which arson or attempted arson is suspected or in which there is an attempt or suspected attempt to defraud an insurance company. Any affidavits necessary to authorize arrests, searches or seizures pursuant to this section shall be made in accordance with K.S.A. 22-2302 and 22-2502, and amendments thereto.

(b) The state fire marshal, with the assistance of an advisory committee appointed pursuant to K.S.A. 31-135₂ and amendments thereto, shall adopt rules and regulations and specify the number of investigators for departments or areas and establish standards for certification of members of fire departments to make arrests, carry firearms and conduct searches and seizures pursuant to this section. No fire department personnel shall be certified to carry firearms under the provisions of this act without having first successfully completed the firearm training course or courses prescribed for law enforcement officers under K.S.A. ~~74-5604~~ 74-5604a, and amendments thereto.

(c) With the exception of firearms training, nothing in this section shall be construed to require persons employed prior to the effective date of this act to comply with the standards established by the state fire marshal pursuant to this section as a condition of continued employment, and such persons' failure to comply with such standards shall not make such persons ineligible for any promotional examination for which they are otherwise eligible or affect in any way any pension rights to which they are entitled on the effective date of this act.