

SESSION OF 2014

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 348**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Judiciary

**Brief\***

SB 348 would amend the statute setting forth the qualifications required of sheriffs.

Specifically, the bill would remove language disqualifying a person from holding the office of sheriff if the person has been convicted of a violation of any federal or state laws or city ordinances relating to gambling, liquor, or narcotics. The bill would remove a specific 320-hour training requirement and clarify the training and testing required of sheriffs. The bill would change the salary of a newly-elected sheriff undergoing law enforcement training prior to taking office from the salary of a deputy to the salary of the existing sheriff. The bill would clarify that references to “commission” within the statute mean the Kansas Commission on Peace Officer’s Standards and Training.

The remaining changes in the bill reflect non-substantive reorganization of the existing standards.

**Background**

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Judiciary at the request of the Kansas Sheriffs Association. In the Senate Committee, a representative of the Sheriffs Association testified in support of the bill, stating the bill was requested to clean up the statute and bring it in line with current requirements for all Kansas law enforcement officers.

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\*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Kansas Association of Counties indicates counties would have to pay increased salaries for sheriffs who would be required to attend training, but an actual cost cannot be determined. The bill would have no fiscal effect on the state.