

LEGISLATIVE BILL 315

Approved by the Governor April 29, 1975

Introduced by Keyes, 3

AN ACT to amend sections 23-1721, 23-1722, and 23-1732, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1974, relating to county government and officers; to alter the size of counties to be affected by the sheriff's office merit commission; and to repeal the original sections.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. That section 23-1721, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1974, be amended to read as follows:

23-1721. The purpose of sections 23-1721 to 23-1737 is to guarantee to all citizens a fair and equal opportunity for public service in the office of the county sheriff in counties having a population of ~~one hundred-fifty~~ sixty thousand inhabitants or more, to establish conditions of service which will attract officers and employees of character and capacity, and to increase the efficiency of the county sheriff's office by the establishment of a merit system.

Sec. 2. That section 23-1722, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1974, be amended to read as follows:

23-1722. In any county having a population of ~~one-hundred-fifty~~ sixty thousand inhabitants or more, there shall be a sheriff's office merit commission.

Sec. 3. That section 23-1732, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1974, be amended to read as follows:

23-1732. All deputy sheriffs in active employment on January 1, 1970, in counties of three hundred thousand inhabitants or more and on January 1, 1973, in counties having a population of more than one hundred fifty thousand but less than three hundred thousand, and who shall have been such for more than two years immediately prior thereto, shall hold their positions without examinations until discharged, reduced, promoted, or transferred in accordance with the provisions of sections 23-1721 to 23-1737. All deputy sheriffs in active employment on January 1, 1975, in counties having a population of more than sixty thousand but not more than one hundred fifty thousand, and who shall have been deputy sheriffs for more than two years immediately prior thereto, or who shall have been

certified by the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, and who shall have received a certificate of completion shall hold their positions without examinations until discharged, reduced, promoted, or transferred in accordance with the provisions of sections 23-1721 to 23-1737. All deputy sheriffs who shall have been so employed for more than six months and less than two years on such date, shall be required to take qualifying examinations and all such deputy sheriffs who shall have been so employed for less than six months on such date, shall be required to take competitive examinations.

Sec. 4. That original sections 23-1721, 23-1722, and 23-1732, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1974, are repealed.