

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2026
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB784

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 11, 2026
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Hallstrom
One Liner: Change residency requirements for sheriffs in certain counties and continuing education requirements for law enforcement officers

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Bosn, DeBoer, Hallstrom, Holdcroft, McKinney, Rountree, Storer, Storm
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Bob Hallstrom
Gary Young Jr.

Brandon Stoural
Colin Caudill

Luke Bonkiewicz
Lynn Rex

Opponents:

Neutral:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Representing:

Opening Presenter
Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska; Police Officers Association of Nebraska
Ord Police Department
Otoe County Sheriff's Office; Nebraska Sheriffs Association
Nebraska Association of County Officials
League of Nebraska Municipalities

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Summary of purpose and/or changes:

This bill amends current law to allow the sheriff in a county that does not contain a city of the metropolitan, primary, or first class to either reside in such county or in an adjoining county while holding office.

This bill also restructures existing continuing education requirements for law enforcement officers by lowering the required hours from 32 to 24 hours. This bill further requires a law enforcement officer to receive education on de-escalation, mental health, and substance abuse; officer wellness; anti-bias and implicit bias training, and vehicular pursuit policies to completed every 3 years.



Explanation of amendments:

AM 2236 strikes and replaces the original sections of the bill.

Section by Section Summary:

Section 1: Amends section 23-1701 to provide that in a county that does not contain a city of the metropolitan, primary, or first class, the sheriff need not be a resident of the county when he or she files for election as sheriff of such county, but when holding office, such sheriff shall reside in such county or an adjoining county.

Section 2: Harmonizing change to section 23-1701.01 for the change made to section 23-1701.

Section 3: Clean-up changes to section 23-1717.

Section 4: Amends section 23-1719 to revise the uniform requirements for sheriff offices. Specifically, it states the uniform required by section 23-2717 shall be at the discretion of the sheriff and may be separated into classes to best fit the needs of each sheriff. Any such uniform shall be readily distinguishable from the uniform of other law enforcement agencies in Nebraska.

This section differentiates Class A or dress uniforms from Class B or patrol uniforms, and provides various options available to sheriffs including hats, insignias, external carriers, shirts, trousers, badges, leather, jackets, and boots. Many of the options available are dependent on rank and the calendar season.

Section 5: Harmonizing change to section 32-604 for the change made to section 23-1701.

Section 6: Amends section 81-1414.07 to require law enforcement officers employed by agencies consisting of less than twenty-five full time officers to attend at least twenty-four hours of continuing education, and law enforcement officers employed by agencies consisting of twenty-five or more full time officers to attend at least thirty-two hours of continuing education annually.

Such annual continuing education shall include a refresher course on de-escalation; anti-bias and implicit bias training; firearms training; wellness training; and legal update training.

At least once in each three-calendar-year period, a law enforcement officer shall attend continuing education that includes refresher courses on mental health and substance abuse issues; and vehicle pursuit policies.

The requirements of this section do not apply to a noncertified conditional officer.

Section 7 : Operative dates.

Section 8: Repealer

Section 9: Repealer



Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson



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