

EXHIBIT J-1

COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS & TRAINING

SUBJECT: Certification of Law Enforcement Officers

DESCRIPTION: This rule is implemented to comply with Act 793 of 2009. The act directs the commission to implement the rule in cooperation with the Arkansas Chiefs of Police Association and the Arkansas Sheriffs Association. It provides for three levels of certification for Chiefs and Sheriffs if they choose to participate and meet the requirements of training, education, and experience.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The commission held a public hearing on October 14, 2010. They received no public comments. An attorney with the Bureau of Legislative Research noted that Act 793 of 2009 requires training requirements and certification levels for sheriffs as well as chiefs of police. The commission is currently working on the provisions for sheriffs and will promulgate them by separate rule in the future.

The proposed effective date was October 14, 2010.

CONTROVERSY: This is not expected to be controversial.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: There is no financial impact.

LEGAL AUTHORIZATION: The rule implements Act 793 of 2009, which required the Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training to develop and implement suggested selection and training requirements and nonmandatory basic and advanced levels of certification for chiefs of police.