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HOUSE BILL

By: Representative Watts

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH MANDATORY TRAINING AND MINIMUM PAY
STANDARD FOR CONSTABLES OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. As used in this act the listed terms shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Constable" means any elected township law enforcement officer which means township or district officer, who is responsible for the prevention and detection of crime and the enforcement of the criminal, traffic or highway laws of this state.

(b) "Board" means the Governor's board of directors made up of three (3) constables, one (1) quorum court member, one (1) sheriff appointed by the Governor.

(c) "ACA" means the Arkansas Constable Association.

SECTION 2. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD.

(a) Establish 100 hour minimum training standards for constables. The standards may take into account different requirements for urban and rural areas.

(b) Consult and cooperate with counties, municipalities, agencies of this state, other governmental agencies of this state, other governmental agencies and with universities, colleges, junior colleges, community colleges and other institutions or organizations concerning the development of police training schools and programs or courses of instruction.

(c) To issue a certificate after constable has completed the 100 hour minimum training standard.

SECTION 3. TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

- (a) Constables elected to office after 1990, will be required to complete a 100 hour minimum training as set forth by this act.
- (b) Constables who have prior 100 hour or more of law enforcement training shall be excluded from this act.
- (c) The training requirements for constables shall be established by the board and the basic training course shall not exceed the part-time law enforcement officers' training requirements.
- (d) It shall be the responsibility of the ACA to assist all constables in obtaining training.
- (e) Every constable shall be a citizen of the United States and minimum of 21 years of age in order to complete the 100 hour minimum training as set forth in this act.

SECTION 4. PAY STANDARD.

- (a) Minimum pay is subject to completion of training requirements as set forth in Section 3 of this act.
- (b) Each constable shall present their certificate of completion to their quorum court.
- (c) Minimum pay shall be six hundred dollars (\$600.00) per year but not more than the maximum as set by the quorum court of each county.

SECTION 5. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

