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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1736

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO CREATE THE CONSTABLE ACCREDITATION BOARD AND TO
9 PROVIDE THAT ACCREDITED CONSTABLES SHALL HAVE ACCESS TO
10 THE ARKANSAS CRIME INFORMATION CENTER; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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13 "TO CREATE THE CONSTABLE ACCREDITATION
14 BOARD AND TO PROVIDE THAT ACCREDITED
15 CONSTABLES SHALL HAVE ACCESS TO THE
16 ARKANSAS CRIME INFORMATION CENTER."
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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21 SECTION 1. There is hereby created the Constable Accreditation Board
22 to be composed of four (4) members as follow:

23 (a) One (1) member of the Senate appointed by the President Pro
24 Tempore of the Senate;

25 (b) One (1) member of the House of Representatives appointed by the
26 Speaker of the House;

27 (c) One (1) member of the board of directors of the Arkansas
28 Constables Association appointed by that board; and

29 (d) One (1) county sheriff appointed by the Board of Directors of the
30 Arkansas Constables Association.

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32 SECTION 2. Board members shall serve four (4) year terms except that
33 the initial members of the board shall by lot draw terms so that one member
34 serves a one-year term, one member serves a two-year term, one member serves
35 a three-year term, and one member serves a four-year term.

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2 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 12-12-211 (e) is amended to read as follows:

3 "(e) An elected law enforcement officer of a political subdivision of
4 this state shall not be allowed access to information from the Arkansas Crime
5 Information Center unless either the elected law enforcement officer or a law
6 enforcement officer within his department has successfully completed the
7 preparatory program of police training required by the Arkansas Commission on
8 Law Enforcement Standards and Training for certification of law enforcement
9 officers. Any constable who completes one hundred (100) hours of board
10 approved law enforcement training and four (4) hours of board approved
11 training in the service of civil process shall be accredited by the board and
12 in order to maintain accreditation, the constable must complete at least
13 twenty (20) hours of board approved law enforcement training during each two-
14 year term of office. Any county sheriff may establish a law enforcement
15 training program for constables and if approved by the board, completion of
16 such program will fulfill the training requirements of this section."

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18 SECTION 4. Accredited constables shall have access to the Arkansas
19 Crime Information Center in the same manner and to the same extent as other
20 law enforcement officers.

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22 SECTION 5. *This act shall not be construed as requiring counties to*
23 *pay the cost for the training of constables hereunder.*

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25 SECTION 6. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
26 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
27 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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29 SECTION 7. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
30 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
31 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
32 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
33 act are declared to be severable.

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35 SECTION 8. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are

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1 hereby repealed.

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/s/Rep. Simon

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