

1 AN ACT concerning government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The State Police Act is amended by changing
5 Section 9 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 2610/9) (from Ch. 121, par. 307.9)

7 Sec. 9. Appointment; qualifications.

8 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the
9 appointment of Department of State Police officers shall be
10 made from those applicants who have been certified by the Board
11 as being qualified for appointment. All persons so appointed
12 shall, at the time of their appointment, be not less than 21
13 years of age, or 20 years of age and have successfully
14 completed an associate's degree or 60 credit hours ~~2 years of~~
15 ~~law enforcement studies~~ at an accredited college or university.
16 Any person appointed subsequent to successful completion of an
17 associate's degree or 60 credit hours at an accredited college
18 or university ~~2 years of such law enforcement studies~~ shall not
19 have power of arrest, nor shall he or she be permitted to carry
20 firearms, until he or she reaches 21 years of age. In addition,
21 all persons so certified for appointment shall be of sound mind
22 and body, be of good moral character, be citizens of the United
23 States, have no criminal records, possess such prerequisites of

1 training, education, and experience as the Board may from time
2 to time prescribe so long as persons who have an associate's
3 degree or 60 credit hours at an accredited college or
4 university are not disqualified, and shall be required to pass
5 successfully such mental and physical tests and examinations as
6 may be prescribed by the Board. All ~~Notwithstanding any Board~~
7 ~~rule to the contrary, all~~ persons who meet one of the following
8 requirements are deemed to have met the collegiate educational
9 requirements:

10 (i) have been honorably discharged and who have been
11 awarded a Southwest Asia Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign
12 Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign
13 Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, or Global War on Terrorism
14 Expeditionary Medal by the United States Armed Forces;

15 (ii) are active members of the Illinois National Guard
16 or a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces
17 and who have been awarded a Southwest Asia Service Medal,
18 Kosovo Campaign Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal,
19 Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, or Global
20 War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal as a result of
21 honorable service during deployment on active duty;

22 (iii) have been honorably discharged who served in a
23 combat mission by proof of hostile fire pay or imminent
24 danger pay during deployment on active duty; or

25 (iv) have at least 3 years of full active and
26 continuous military duty and received an honorable

1 discharge before hiring.

2 Preference shall be given in such appointments to persons
3 who have honorably served in the military or naval services of
4 the United States. All appointees shall serve a probationary
5 period of 12 months from the date of appointment and during
6 that period may be discharged at the will of the Director.
7 However, the Director may in his or her sole discretion extend
8 the probationary period of an officer up to an additional 6
9 months when to do so is deemed in the best interest of the
10 Department. Nothing in this subsection (a) limits the Board's
11 ability to prescribe education prerequisites or requirements
12 to certify Department of State Police officers for promotion as
13 provided in Section 10 of this Act.

14 (b) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Act, after
15 July 1, 1977 and before July 1, 1980, the Director of State
16 Police may appoint and promote not more than 20 persons having
17 special qualifications as special agents as he or she deems
18 necessary to carry out the Department's objectives. Any such
19 appointment or promotion shall be ratified by the Board.

20 (c) During the 90 days following the effective date of this
21 amendatory Act of 1995, the Director of State Police may
22 appoint up to 25 persons as State Police officers. These
23 appointments shall be made in accordance with the requirements
24 of this subsection (c) and any additional criteria that may be
25 established by the Director, but are not subject to any other
26 requirements of this Act. The Director may specify the initial

1 rank for each person appointed under this subsection.

2 All appointments under this subsection (c) shall be made
3 from personnel certified by the Board. A person certified by
4 the Board and appointed by the Director under this subsection
5 must have been employed by the Illinois Commerce Commission on
6 November 30, 1994 in a job title subject to the Personnel Code
7 and in a position for which the person was eligible to earn
8 "eligible creditable service" as a "noncovered employee", as
9 those terms are defined in Article 14 of the Illinois Pension
10 Code.

11 Persons appointed under this subsection (c) shall
12 thereafter be subject to the same requirements and procedures
13 as other State police officers. A person appointed under this
14 subsection must serve a probationary period of 12 months from
15 the date of appointment, during which he or she may be
16 discharged at the will of the Director.

17 This subsection (c) does not affect or limit the Director's
18 authority to appoint other State Police officers under
19 subsection (a) of this Section.

20 (Source: P.A. 100-11, eff. 7-1-17.)