



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB2725

Introduced 2/16/2023, by Rep. Lance Yednock

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 415/4c

from Ch. 127, par. 63b104c

20 ILCS 801/1-50 new

Amends the Department of Natural Resources Act. Provides that, notwithstanding any provision of the Personnel Code to the contrary, the Department of Natural Resources shall, by administrative rule, establish a process and criteria for hiring its employees. Provides that the Director of Natural Resources may permit local administrators of Department properties and State parks to conduct interviews of prospective Department employees and make recommendations to the Director of Natural Resources as to their suitability for employment with the Department. Amends the Personnel Code. Exempts Department of Natural Resources positions from personnel jurisdictions A, B, and C under the Code.

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The Personnel Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 4c as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 415/4c) (from Ch. 127, par. 63b104c)

7 Sec. 4c. General exemptions. The following positions in  
8 State service shall be exempt from jurisdictions A, B, and C,  
9 unless the jurisdictions shall be extended as provided in this  
10 Act:

11 (1) All officers elected by the people.

12 (2) All positions under the Lieutenant Governor,  
13 Secretary of State, State Treasurer, State Comptroller,  
14 State Board of Education, Clerk of the Supreme Court,  
15 Attorney General, and State Board of Elections.

16 (3) Judges, and officers and employees of the courts,  
17 and notaries public.

18 (4) All officers and employees of the Illinois General  
19 Assembly, all employees of legislative commissions, all  
20 officers and employees of the Illinois Legislative  
21 Reference Bureau and the Legislative Printing Unit.

22 (5) All positions in the Illinois National Guard and  
23 Illinois State Guard, paid from federal funds or positions

1 in the State Military Service filled by enlistment and  
2 paid from State funds.

3 (6) All employees of the Governor at the executive  
4 mansion and on his immediate personal staff.

5 (7) Directors of Departments, the Adjutant General,  
6 the Assistant Adjutant General, the Director of the  
7 Illinois Emergency Management Agency, members of boards  
8 and commissions, and all other positions appointed by the  
9 Governor by and with the consent of the Senate.

10 (8) The presidents, other principal administrative  
11 officers, and teaching, research and extension faculties  
12 of Chicago State University, Eastern Illinois University,  
13 Governors State University, Illinois State University,  
14 Northeastern Illinois University, Northern Illinois  
15 University, Western Illinois University, the Illinois  
16 Community College Board, Southern Illinois University,  
17 Illinois Board of Higher Education, University of  
18 Illinois, State Universities Civil Service System,  
19 University Retirement System of Illinois, and the  
20 administrative officers and scientific and technical staff  
21 of the Illinois State Museum.

22 (9) All other employees except the presidents, other  
23 principal administrative officers, and teaching, research  
24 and extension faculties of the universities under the  
25 jurisdiction of the Board of Regents and the colleges and  
26 universities under the jurisdiction of the Board of

1           Governors of State Colleges and Universities, Illinois  
2           Community College Board, Southern Illinois University,  
3           Illinois Board of Higher Education, Board of Governors of  
4           State Colleges and Universities, the Board of Regents,  
5           University of Illinois, State Universities Civil Service  
6           System, University Retirement System of Illinois, so long  
7           as these are subject to the provisions of the State  
8           Universities Civil Service Act.

9           (10) The Illinois State Police so long as they are  
10          subject to the merit provisions of the Illinois State  
11          Police Act. Employees of the Illinois State Police Merit  
12          Board are subject to the provisions of this Code.

13          (11) (Blank).

14          (12) The technical and engineering staffs of the  
15          Department of Transportation, the Department of Nuclear  
16          Safety, the Pollution Control Board, and the Illinois  
17          Commerce Commission, and the technical and engineering  
18          staff providing architectural and engineering services in  
19          the Department of Central Management Services.

20          (13) All employees of the Illinois State Toll Highway  
21          Authority.

22          (14) The Secretary of the Illinois Workers'  
23          Compensation Commission.

24          (15) All persons who are appointed or employed by the  
25          Director of Insurance under authority of Section 202 of  
26          the Illinois Insurance Code to assist the Director of

1 Insurance in discharging his responsibilities relating to  
2 the rehabilitation, liquidation, conservation, and  
3 dissolution of companies that are subject to the  
4 jurisdiction of the Illinois Insurance Code.

5 (16) All employees of the St. Louis Metropolitan Area  
6 Airport Authority.

7 (17) All investment officers employed by the Illinois  
8 State Board of Investment.

9 (18) Employees of the Illinois Young Adult  
10 Conservation Corps program, administered by the Illinois  
11 Department of Natural Resources, authorized grantee under  
12 Title VIII of the Comprehensive Employment and Training  
13 Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 993.

14 (19) Seasonal employees of the Department of  
15 Agriculture for the operation of the Illinois State Fair  
16 and the DuQuoin State Fair, no one person receiving more  
17 than 29 days of such employment in any calendar year.

18 (20) All "temporary" employees hired under the  
19 Department of Natural Resources' Illinois Conservation  
20 Service, a youth employment program that hires young  
21 people to work in State parks for a period of one year or  
22 less.

23 (21) All hearing officers of the Human Rights  
24 Commission.

25 (22) All employees of the Illinois Mathematics and  
26 Science Academy.

1           (23) All employees of the Kankakee River Valley Area  
2           Airport Authority.

3           (24) The commissioners and employees of the Executive  
4           Ethics Commission.

5           (25) The Executive Inspectors General, including  
6           special Executive Inspectors General, and employees of  
7           each Office of an Executive Inspector General.

8           (26) The commissioners and employees of the  
9           Legislative Ethics Commission.

10          (27) The Legislative Inspector General, including  
11          special Legislative Inspectors General, and employees of  
12          the Office of the Legislative Inspector General.

13          (28) The Auditor General's Inspector General and  
14          employees of the Office of the Auditor General's Inspector  
15          General.

16          (29) All employees of the Illinois Power Agency.

17          (30) Employees having demonstrable, defined advanced  
18          skills in accounting, financial reporting, or technical  
19          expertise who are employed within executive branch  
20          agencies and whose duties are directly related to the  
21          submission to the Office of the Comptroller of financial  
22          information for the publication of the annual  
23          comprehensive financial report.

24          (31) All employees of the Illinois Sentencing Policy  
25          Advisory Council.

26          (32) All employees of the Department of Natural

1           Resources.

2           (Source: P.A. 101-652, eff. 1-1-22; 102-291, eff. 8-6-21;  
3           102-538, eff. 8-20-21; 102-783, eff. 5-13-22; 102-813, eff.  
4           5-13-22.)

5           Section 10. The Department of Natural Resources Act is  
6           amended by adding Section 1-50 as follows:

7           (20 ILCS 801/1-50 new)

8           Sec. 1-50. Department of Natural Resources; hiring of  
9           employees. Notwithstanding any provision of the Personnel Code  
10          to the contrary, the Department of Natural Resources shall, by  
11          administrative rule, establish a process and criteria for  
12          hiring its employees. The Director of Natural Resources may  
13          permit local administrators of Department properties and State  
14          parks to conduct interviews of prospective Department  
15          employees and make recommendations to the Director of Natural  
16          Resources as to their suitability for employment with the  
17          Department.