

1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 524

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 524 on page 1, by
3 replacing line 5 as follows:

4 "by changing Sections 6 and 16.06 as follows:"; and

5 on page 3, immediately below line 18, by inserting the
6 following:

7 "(70 ILCS 705/16.06) (from Ch. 127 1/2, par. 37.06)

8 Sec. 16.06. Eligibility for positions in fire
9 department; disqualifications.

10 (a) All applicants for a position in the fire department
11 of the fire protection district shall be under 35 years of
12 age and shall be subjected to examination, which shall be
13 public, competitive, and free to all applicants, subject to
14 reasonable limitations as to health, habits, and moral
15 character; provided that the foregoing age limitation shall
16 not apply in the case of any person having previous
17 employment status as a fireman in a regularly constituted
18 fire department of any fire protection district, and further
19 provided that each fireman or fire chief who is a member in
20 good standing in a regularly constituted fire department of
21 any municipality which shall be or shall have subsequently
22 been included within the boundaries of any fire protection

1 district now or hereafter organized shall be given a
2 preference for original appointment in the same class, grade
3 or employment over all other applicants. The examinations
4 shall be practical in their character and shall relate to
5 those matters which will fairly test the persons examined as
6 to their relative capacity to discharge the duties of the
7 positions to which they seek appointment. The examinations
8 shall include tests of physical qualifications and health.
9 No applicant, however, shall be examined concerning his
10 political or religious opinions or affiliations. The
11 examinations shall be conducted by the board of fire
12 commissioners.

13 (b) No person shall be appointed to the fire department
14 unless he or she is a person of good character and not a
15 person who has been convicted of a felony in Illinois or
16 convicted in another jurisdiction for conduct that would be a
17 felony under Illinois law, or convicted of a crime involving
18 moral turpitude. No person, however, shall be disqualified
19 from appointment to the fire department because of his or her
20 record of misdemeanor convictions, except those under
21 Sections 11-6, 11-7, 11-9, 11-14, 11-15, 11-17, 11-18, 11-19,
22 12-2, 12-6, 12-15, 14-4, 16-1, 21.1-3, 24-3.1, 24-5, 25-1,
23 28-3, 31-1, 31-4, 31-6, 31-7, 32-1, 32-2, 32-3, 32-4, 32-8,
24 and subsections (1), (6), and (8) of Section 24-1 of the
25 Criminal Code of 1961.

26 (Source: P.A. 89-52, eff. 6-30-95; 90-481, eff. 8-17-97.)"