

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 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 2 years of law enforcement studies at an accredited
15 college or university. Any person appointed subsequent to
16 successful completion of 2 years of such law enforcement
17 studies shall not have power of arrest, nor shall he be
18 permitted to carry firearms, until he reaches 21 years of age.
19 In addition, all persons so certified for appointment shall be
20 of sound mind and body, be of good moral character, be citizens
21 of the United States, have no criminal records, possess such
22 prerequisites of training, education and experience as the
23 Board may from time to time prescribe, and shall be required to

1 pass successfully such mental and physical tests and
2 examinations as may be prescribed by the Board. Notwithstanding
3 any Board rule to the contrary, all persons who either: (i)
4 have been honorably discharged and who have been awarded a
5 Southwest Asia Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Korean
6 Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq
7 Campaign Medal, or Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
8 by the United States Armed Forces or (ii) are active members of
9 the Illinois National Guard or a reserve component of the
10 United States Armed Forces and who have been awarded a
11 Southwest Asia Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Korean
12 Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq
13 Campaign Medal, or Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
14 as a result of honorable service during deployment on active
15 duty, are deemed to have met the collegiate educational
16 requirements. ~~All persons who have been honorably discharged~~
17 ~~and who have been awarded an Afghan or Iraqi campaign medal by~~
18 ~~the military or naval services of the United States are deemed~~
19 ~~to have met the collegiate educational requirements,~~
20 ~~notwithstanding any Board rule.~~ Preference shall be given in
21 such appointments to persons who have honorably served in the
22 military or naval services of the United States. All appointees
23 shall serve a probationary period of 12 months from the date of
24 appointment and during that period may be discharged at the
25 will of the Director. However, the Director may in his or her
26 sole discretion extend the probationary period of an officer up

1 to an additional 6 months when to do so is deemed in the best
2 interest of the Department.

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

9 (c) During the 90 days following the effective date of this
10 amendatory Act of 1995, the Director of State Police may
11 appoint up to 25 persons as State Police officers. These
12 appointments shall be made in accordance with the requirements
13 of this subsection (c) and any additional criteria that may be
14 established by the Director, but are not subject to any other
15 requirements of this Act. The Director may specify the initial
16 rank for each person appointed under this subsection.

17 All appointments under this subsection (c) shall be made
18 from personnel certified by the Board. A person certified by
19 the Board and appointed by the Director under this subsection
20 must have been employed by the Illinois Commerce Commission on
21 November 30, 1994 in a job title subject to the Personnel Code
22 and in a position for which the person was eligible to earn
23 "eligible creditable service" as a "noncovered employee", as
24 those terms are defined in Article 14 of the Illinois Pension
25 Code.

26 Persons appointed under this subsection (c) shall

1 thereafter be subject to the same requirements and procedures
2 as other State police officers. A person appointed under this
3 subsection must serve a probationary period of 12 months from
4 the date of appointment, during which he or she may be
5 discharged at the will of the Director.

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

9 (Source: P.A. 97-640, eff. 12-19-11.)