

AN ACT concerning local government.

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

Section 5. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by changing Section 10-2.1-8 as follows:

(65 ILCS 5/10-2.1-8) (from Ch. 24, par. 10-2.1-8)

Sec. 10-2.1-8. Veteran's and educational preference. Persons who have successfully obtained an associate's degree in the field of law enforcement, criminal justice, fire service, or emergency medical services, or a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university; persons who have been awarded a certificate attesting to the successful completion of the Minimum Standards Basic Law Enforcement Training Course as provided in the Illinois Police Training Act and are currently serving as a law enforcement officer on a part-time or full-time basis within the State of Illinois; and persons who were engaged in the active military or naval service of the United States for a period of at least one year and who were honorably discharged therefrom, or who are now or may hereafter be on inactive or reserve duty in such military or naval service (not including, however, in the case of offices, positions and places of employment in the police department, persons who were convicted by court-martial of disobedience of

orders, where such disobedience consisted in the refusal to perform military service on the ground of religious or conscientious objections against war) shall be preferred for appointments to offices, positions, and places of employment in the fire and police departments of the municipality coming under the provisions of this Division 2.1. For purposes of this Section, if a person has been deployed, then "active duty military or naval service of the United States" includes training and service school attendance, as defined in 10 U.S.C. 101(d), which is ordered pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 12301(d). The preference points awarded under this Section shall not be cumulative.

This amendatory Act of 1973 does not apply to any municipality which is a home rule unit.

Persons who have participated in that municipality's police explorer or cadet program may be preferred, for a maximum of 2 points, for appointments to offices, positions, and places of employment in municipal police departments under the provisions of this Division.

(Source: P.A. 96-83, eff. 1-1-10.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.