

1 AN ACT regarding the State Police.

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
11 Board as being qualified for appointment. All persons so
12 appointed shall, at the time of their appointment, be not
13 less than 21 years of age, or 20 years of age and have
14 successfully completed 2 years of law enforcement studies at
15 an accredited college or university. Any person appointed
16 subsequent to successful completion of 2 years of such law
17 enforcement studies shall not have power of arrest, nor shall
18 he be permitted to carry firearms, until he reaches 21 years
19 of age.

20 Beginning on January 1, 2002, qualified applicants shall
21 have completed, with a C average or better from a college or
22 university accredited by the Middle States Association of
23 Colleges and Schools, the North Central Association of
24 Colleges and Schools, the New England Association of Schools
25 and Colleges, the Northwest Association of Schools and
26 Colleges, the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges,
27 or the Western Association of Schools and Colleges:

- 28 (1) a Bachelor's Degree; or
- 29 (2) an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science
30 Degree or equivalent general education course work, and
31 either

- 1 (A) 3 years of continuous full time service at
2 the same police agency as a police officer or
3 (B) 2 years of military service.

4 In addition, all persons so certified for appointment
5 shall be of sound mind and body, be of good moral character,
6 be citizens of the United States, have no criminal records,
7 possess such prerequisites of training, education and
8 experience as the Board may from time to time prescribe, and
9 shall be required to pass successfully such mental and
10 physical tests and examinations as may be prescribed by the
11 Board. Preference shall be given in such appointments to
12 persons who have honorably served in the military or naval
13 services of the United States. All appointees shall serve a
14 probationary period of 12 months from the date of appointment
15 and during that period may be discharged at the will of the
16 Director.

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

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

32 All appointments under this subsection (c) shall be made
33 from personnel certified by the Board. A person certified by
34 the Board and appointed by the Director under this subsection

1 must have been employed by the Illinois Commerce Commission
2 on November 30, 1994 in a job title subject to the Personnel
3 Code and in a position for which the person was eligible to
4 earn "eligible creditable service" as a "noncovered
5 employee", as those terms are defined in Article 14 of the
6 Illinois Pension Code.

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

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

16 (Source: P.A. 88-461; 89-9, eff. 3-31-95.)

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