

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 meet one of the
4 following requirements are deemed to have met the collegiate
5 educational requirements ~~either~~:

6 (i) have been honorably discharged and who
7 have been awarded a Southwest Asia Service Medal,
8 Kosovo Campaign Medal, Korean Defense Service
9 Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign
10 Medal, or Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary
11 Medal by the United States Armed Forces; ~~or~~

12 (ii) are active members of the Illinois
13 National Guard or a reserve component of the United
14 States Armed Forces and who have been awarded a
15 Southwest Asia Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign
16 Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan
17 Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, or Global War
18 on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal as a result of
19 honorable service during deployment on active
20 duty; ~~or~~

21 (iii) have been honorably discharged who
22 served in a combat mission by proof of hostile fire
23 pay or imminent danger pay during deployment on
24 active duty; or

25 (iv) have at least 3 years of full active and
26 continuous military duty and received an honorable

1 discharge before hiring. ~~are deemed to have met the~~
2 ~~collegiate educational requirements.~~

3 Preference shall be given in such appointments to persons
4 who have honorably served in the military or naval services of
5 the United States. All appointees shall serve a probationary
6 period of 12 months from the date of appointment and during
7 that period may be discharged at the will of the Director.
8 However, the Director may in his or her sole discretion extend
9 the probationary period of an officer up to an additional 6
10 months when to do so is deemed in the best interest of the
11 Department.

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

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

26 All appointments under this subsection (c) shall be made

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

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

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

18 (Source: P.A. 97-640, eff. 12-19-11; 98-54, eff. 1-1-14.)

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
20 2017.