

No. 53

AN ACT

HB 688

Amending the act of August 10, 1951 (P. L. 1189), entitled, as amended, "An act regulating the appointment, promotion, suspension, reduction, removal and reinstatement of employes (except superintendents, assistant superintendents, inspectors, chief clerks and school guards) in bureaus of police in cities of the second class; and defining the powers and duties of civil service commissions in such cities for such purposes," prescribing a probationary period for original appointments and repealing an inconsistent act.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 3, act of August 10, 1951 (P. L. 1189), entitled, as amended, "An act regulating the appointment, promotion, suspension, reduction, removal and reinstatement of employes (except superintendents, assistant superintendents, inspectors, chief clerks and school guards) in bureaus of police in cities of the second class; and defining the powers and duties of civil service commissions in such cities for such purposes," amended December 11, 1968 (Act No. 373), is amended to read:

Section 3. Each applicant for original appointment to any position in the competitive class in any bureau of police in any city of the second class shall undergo a physical examination, subsequent to a mental examination but prior to appointment, which shall be conducted by a commission composed of doctors of medicine appointed for that purpose by the mayor. Said commission shall certify to the civil service commission that the applicant is free from bodily or mental defects, deformity or disease that might incapacitate him from the performance of the duties of the position he is seeking. No application for such appointment shall be received from any person who is under twenty-one years of age or over thirty-five years of age at the date of his application. Any city of the second class may by ordinance require a person appointed as a policeman who is not a resident of said city of the second class to become a resident of said city as a condition of his continued employment, but not sooner than three months following the completion of his probationary period. Any applicant for reinstatement as a member of the bureau of police who shall have served as an employe in such bureau of police for a period of more than six months, and who at the time of his application for reinstatement shall be a resident of such city, shall be eligible for such reinstatement, even though such applicant shall be over the age of thirty-five years.

All original appointments to the position of police officer in the bureau of police shall be for a probationary period of six months. If at any time during the probationary period the conduct or capacity of the probationer has not been satisfactory to the appointing officer, the

probationer shall be notified, in writing, that he will not receive absolute appointment, whereupon his employment shall cease; otherwise, his retention in the service shall be equivalent to final appointment.

Section 2. Section 8, act of May 23, 1907 (P. L. 206), entitled "An act to regulate and improve the civil service of the cities of the second class in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; making violations of its provisions to be misdemeanors, and providing penalties for violations thereof," is repealed in so far as it is inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 8th day of July, A. D. 1969.

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The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 53.



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Secretary of the Commonwealth.