

No. 1984-227

AN ACT

SB 729

Amending the act of June 18, 1974 (P.L.359, No.120), entitled "An act creating the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission; providing for the commission's membership, selection, compensation, and removal; providing for the powers and duties of the commission; providing for the appointment and duties of the chairman; providing for the act's applicability to the civil service laws; requiring training by certain political subdivisions and police departments; providing penalties for violation thereof; and making an appropriation," including first class cities within the act.

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

Section 1. Section 2(3) and (6) of the act of June 18, 1974 (P.L.359, No.120), referred to as the Municipal Police Education and Training Law, amended October 5, 1980 (P.L.692, No.141), are amended to read:

Section 2. Definitions.—As used in this act:

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(3) "Police officer" means any full-time or part-time employe, of a city, **[other than a city of the first class,]** borough, town, township or county police department assigned to criminal and/or traffic law enforcement duties, and for the purpose of training only, security officers of first class city housing authority, but shall exclude persons employed to check parking meters and/or to perform only administrative duties, auxiliary and fire police.

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(6) "Political subdivision" means any county, city, **[other than a city of the first class,]** borough, incorporated town or township.

Section 2. Section 4(a) of the act, amended December 22, 1981 (P.L.523, No.146), is amended to read:

Section 4. Commission Members; Selection, Compensation and Removal.—(a) The commission shall be composed of **[eighteen] nineteen** members as follows:

(1) The Secretary of the Department of Community Affairs.

(2) The Attorney General of the Commonwealth.

(3) The Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police, who shall serve as chairman of the commission.

(4) A member of the Senate of Pennsylvania, to be appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate.

(5) A member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(6) Four elected officials of the various political subdivisions of the Commonwealth, to be appointed by the Governor; one to be a borough official, one a first class township official, one a second class township official, and one a city official.

(7) Four incumbent chiefs of police from the various political subdivisions of the Commonwealth, to be appointed by the Governor; at least one to be a chief of a borough police department, at least one to be a chief of a township police department, at least one to be a chief of a city police department.

(8) One Federal Bureau of Investigation special agent-in-charge to be appointed by the Governor.

(9) One educator qualified in the field of law enforcement, to be appointed by the Governor.

(10) One member representing the public at large, to be appointed by the Governor.

(11) Two noncommissioned police officers to be appointed by the Governor.

(12) *The police commissioner of a city of the first class or his designee.*

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Section 3. The training requirements of the act of June 18, 1974 (P.L.359, No.120), referred to as the Municipal Police Education and Training Law, shall not apply to any police officer in the employment of a city of the first class on January 1, 1984, which officer shall be considered to be certified under section 9 of that act.

Section 4. This act shall be retroactive to January 1, 1984. It shall apply to any police officers of cities of the first class in a basic or in-service training class which commenced after January 1, 1984.

Section 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 20th day of December, A. D. 1984.

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