

SB2579



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

SB2579

Introduced 5/11/2023, by Sen. Bill Cunningham

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

55 ILCS 5/3-7008

from Ch. 34, par. 3-7008

Amends the Cook County Sheriff's Merit Board Division of the Counties Code. Provides that all deputy sheriffs shall be not less than 19 years of age at the time of their appointment (rather than 21 years of age or 20 years of age and have successfully completed 2 years of law enforcement studies at an accredited college or university). Increases the probationary period for deputy sheriff appointees to 15 months (rather than 12 months).

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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

4 Section 10. The Counties Code is amended by changing
5 Section 3-7008 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/3-7008) (from Ch. 34, par. 3-7008)

7 Sec. 3-7008. Appointments. The appointment of deputy
8 sheriffs in the Police Department, full-time deputy sheriffs
9 not employed as county police officers or county corrections
10 officers and of employees in the Department of Corrections
11 shall be made from those applicants who have been certified by
12 the Board as being qualified for appointment. Certification
13 for appointment in one department shall not constitute
14 certification for appointment in another department.
15 Certification may be made at any point prior to appointment
16 and may be made in conjunction with the Sheriff's application
17 process. All persons so appointed shall, at the time of their
18 appointment, be not less than 19 ~~21~~ years of age, ~~or 20 years~~
19 ~~of age and have successfully completed 2 years of law~~
20 ~~enforcement studies at an accredited college or university.~~
21 Any person appointed subsequent to successful completion of 2
22 years of such law enforcement studies shall not have power of
23 arrest, nor shall he or she be permitted to carry firearms,

1 until he or she reaches 21 years of age. In addition, all
2 persons so appointed shall be not more than the maximum age
3 limit fixed by the Board from time to time, be of sound mind
4 and body, be of good moral character, be citizens of the United
5 States, have not been convicted of a crime which the Board
6 considers to be detrimental to the applicant's ability to
7 carry out his or her duties, possess such prerequisites of
8 training, education and experience as the Board may from time
9 to time prescribe, and shall be required to pass successfully
10 mental, physical, psychiatric and other tests and examinations
11 as may be prescribed by the Board. Preference shall be given in
12 such appointments to persons who have honorably served in the
13 military or naval services of the United States. All
14 appointees shall serve a probationary period of 15 ~~12~~ months
15 and during that period may be discharged at the will of the
16 Sheriff. However, civil service employees of the house of
17 correction who have certified status at the time of the
18 transfer of the house of correction to the County Department
19 of Corrections are not subject to this probationary period,
20 and they shall retain their job titles, such tenure privileges
21 as are now enjoyed and any subsequent title changes shall not
22 cause reduction in rank or elimination of positions.

23 (Source: P.A. 100-912, eff. 8-17-18.)