AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The State Police Act is amended by changing 5 Section 9 as follows:

(20 ILCS 2610/9) (from Ch. 121, par. 307.9) 6

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Sec. 9. Appointment; qualifications.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the 8 9 appointment of Department of State Police officers shall be made from those applicants who have been certified by the Board 10 as being qualified for appointment. All persons so appointed 11 shall, at the time of their appointment, be not less than 21 12 13 years of age, or 20 years of age and have successfully 14 completed 2 years of law enforcement studies at an accredited college or university. Any person appointed subsequent to 15 16 successful completion of 2 years of such law enforcement 17 studies shall not have power of arrest, nor shall he be permitted to carry firearms, until he reaches 21 years of age. 18 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 Board may from time to time prescribe, and shall be required to 23

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1 successfully such mental and physical tests pass and 2 examinations as may be prescribed by the Board. Notwithstanding any Board rule to the contrary, all persons who either: (i) 3 have been honorably discharged and who have been awarded a 4 5 Southwest Asia Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, 6 Iraq Campaign Medal, or Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal 7 by the United States Armed Forces or (ii) are active members of 8 9 the Illinois National Guard or a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces and who have been awarded a 10 Southwest Asia Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Korean 11 12 Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, or Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal 13 14 as a result of honorable service during deployment on active duty, are deemed to have met the collegiate educational 15 16 requirements. All persons who have been honorably discharged 17 and who have been awarded an Afghan or Iragi campaign medal by the military or naval services of the United States are deemed 18 19 to have met the collegiate educational requirements, 20 notwithstanding any Board rule. Preference shall be given in 21 such appointments to persons who have honorably served in the 22 military or naval services of the United States. All appointees 23 shall serve a probationary period of 12 months from the date of appointment and during that period may be discharged at the 24 25 will of the Director. However, the Director may in his or her 26 sole discretion extend the probationary period of an officer up

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1 to an additional 6 months when to do so is deemed in the best 2 interest of the Department.

3 (b) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Act, after 4 July 1, 1977 and before July 1, 1980, the Director of State 5 Police may appoint and promote not more than 20 persons having 6 special qualifications as special agents as he deems necessary 7 to carry out the Department's objectives. Any such appointment 8 or promotion shall be ratified by the Board.

9 (c) During the 90 days following the effective date of this 10 amendatory Act of 1995, the Director of State Police may 11 appoint up to 25 persons as State Police officers. These 12 appointments shall be made in accordance with the requirements 13 of this subsection (c) and any additional criteria that may be 14 established by the Director, but are not subject to any other 15 requirements of this Act. The Director may specify the initial 16 rank for each person appointed under this subsection.

17 All appointments under this subsection (c) shall be made from personnel certified by the Board. A person certified by 18 19 the Board and appointed by the Director under this subsection 20 must have been employed by the Illinois Commerce Commission on November 30, 1994 in a job title subject to the Personnel Code 21 22 and in a position for which the person was eligible to earn 23 "eligible creditable service" as a "noncovered employee", as those terms are defined in Article 14 of the Illinois Pension 24 25 Code.

26 Persons appointed under this subsection (c) shall

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

6 This subsection (c) does not affect or limit the Director's 7 authority to appoint other State Police officers under 8 subsection (a) of this Section.

9 (Source: P.A. 97-640, eff. 12-19-11.)