

1 AN ACT concerning State Police.

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  
11 Board as being qualified for appointment. All persons so  
12 appointed shall, at the time of their appointment, be not  
13 less than 21 years of age, or 20 years of age and have  
14 successfully completed 2 years of law enforcement studies at  
15 an accredited college or university. Any person appointed  
16 subsequent to successful completion of 2 years of such law  
17 enforcement studies shall not have power of arrest, nor shall  
18 he be permitted to carry firearms, until he reaches 21 years  
19 of age. In addition, all persons so certified for  
20 appointment shall be of sound mind and body, be of good moral  
21 character, be citizens of the United States, have no criminal  
22 records, possess such prerequisites of training, education  
23 and experience as the Board may from time to time prescribe,  
24 and shall be required to pass successfully such mental and  
25 physical tests and examinations as may be prescribed by the  
26 Board. Preference shall be given in such appointments to  
27 persons who have honorably served in the military or naval  
28 services of the United States. All appointees shall serve a  
29 probationary period of 12 months from the date of appointment  
30 and during that period may be discharged at the will of the  
31 Director. However, the Director may in his or her sole

1 discretion extend the probationary period of an officer up to  
2 an additional 6 months when to do so is deemed in the best  
3 interest of the Department.

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

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

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

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

34 This subsection (c) does not affect or limit the

1 Director's authority to appoint other State Police officers  
2 under subsection (a) of this Section.

3 (Source: P.A. 88-461; 89-9, eff. 3-31-95.)