

under the provisions of this act. The board of trustees of any such State college may submit a plan to the State Board of Education, which shall include the proposed name of the State college, the degrees which it proposes to confer, the courses to be offered, the schools to be established and such other information as the State Board of Education may require. Whenever the State Board of Education is satisfied that any such plan is in the best interests of higher education, and that the State college is adequately equipped and capable of implementing the plan it shall approve the plan and the State colleges shall thereafter be operated under the provisions of this act in so far as they are applicable.

Section 10. This act shall take effect immediately upon accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

APPROVED—The 16th day of December, A. D. 1965.

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No. 431

AN ACT

HB 422

Amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P. L. 723), entitled "An act relating to counties of the second class; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," limiting the age at which application may be made for examination for appointment to the police force, and further regulating the retirement of members of the police force.

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

Section 1. Section 1510, act of July 28, 1953 (P. L. 723), known as the "Second Class County Code," amended August 13, 1963 (P. L. 662), is amended to read:

Section 1510. Application for Examination for Appointment to the Police Force or as Fireman or Fire Inspector.—Each person desiring appointment to the police force or as a fireman or fire inspector shall apply to the commission for examination, and shall file with the commission a formal application, as provided by it, and shall state, under oath or affirmation, (1) his full name and residence or post office address, (2) his citizenship, place and date of birth, (3) his condition of health and physical capacity for public service, (4) his business or employment and his residence for the past five years, and (5) such other information as may be required by the commission's rules and regulations, showing the

applicant's qualifications for the position for which he is being examined.

No person shall be eligible to apply for examination unless he is more than twenty-one years of age and, with respect to applicants for the police force not over thirty-five years of age at the date of application, and has been a resident of the county for at least two years immediately preceding his application unless no resident applicants are available.

Section 2. Subsection (b) of section 1710, of the act, amended May 31, 1955 (P. L. 111), is amended to read:

Section 1710. Employees Eligible for Retirement Allowances.—

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(b) Every present or future county employe, other than a member of the police force, who has reached the age of sixty years or upwards and who shall have been a county employe during a period of twenty or more years, and every county employe who is a member of the police force and who shall have been a county employe during a period of twenty or more years and has reached the age of fifty-five years or upward, shall, upon application to the board, be retired from service, and shall thereafter receive, during life, except as hereinafter provided, a retirement allowance plus a service increment if any, in accordance with the provisions of section 1712. The time spent in the employ of the county or county institution district need not necessarily have been continuous: Provided, That when any county employe has twenty or more years service, not necessarily continuous, and has reached the age of fifty years or upwards, and shall be separated from the service of the county or county institution district by reason of no cause or act of his or her own, upon application to the board he or she shall thereafter receive, during life, except as hereinafter provided, a retirement allowance plus a service increment if any, in accordance with the provisions of section 1712. The aforesaid retirement allowance plus a service increment if any, shall be subject to a suspension thereof in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c) of section 1712 and subsection (b) of section 1716.

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