

No. 1980-209

AN ACT

HB 1586

Amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), entitled, as amended, "An act relating to counties of the second class and second class A; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," further providing for the promotion of firemen or fire inspectors and for application forms for county contributions towards the funeral expenses of deceased service persons.

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

Section 1. Section 1516, act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), known as the "Second Class County Code," amended November 25, 1970 (P.L.761, No.250), is amended to read:

Section 1516. Promotions.—Promotions shall be based on merit. The county commissioners shall notify the commission of any vacancy in the police force *or as firefighter or fire inspector* which is to be filled by promotion and shall request the certification of a list of eligibles. The commission shall certify for each existing vacancy, from the eligible list, the names of three persons thereon, who have received the highest average in the last preceding promotional examination held within a period of two years next preceding the date of the request for such eligibles. The county commissioners shall thereupon, with sole reference to the merits and fitness of the candidates, make an appointment from the three names certified, unless they make objections to the commission as to one or more of the persons so certified. No member of the county police force *or a firefighter or fire inspector* shall be eligible to take any promotional examination until after serving three years in the county police force *or as a firefighter or fire inspector* for which such examination is held. Each member of the county police force *or a firefighter or fire inspector* shall have his examination mark or grade increased by an additional one-half point for each year he served on the county police force *or as a firefighter or fire inspector* in excess of five years but such additional points shall not exceed ten points. The board of commissioners shall have power to determine in each instance whether an increase in salary shall constitute a promotion.

Section 2. Subsection (c) of section 2111 of the act, amended December 29, 1971 (P.L.658, No.173), is amended to read:

Section 2111. Payment.—* * *

(c) The application shall be on forms prescribed by the Department of Military Affairs, and shall set forth whether or not the funeral expenses have been paid. The application shall have attached thereto a certified copy of the death certificate, and [an affidavit] a

certificate by the undertaker who had charge of the burial of the body and to the effect that the undertaker did render such service.

Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 10th day of December, A. D. 1980.

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