

No. 2003-13

AN ACT

SB 277

Amending the act of May 31, 1933 (P.L.1108, No.272), entitled, as amended, "An act providing for the appointment, promotion, reduction, removal and reinstatement of paid officers, firemen and employes of fire departments and of fire alarm operators and fire box inspectors in the bureaus of electricity in cities of the third class; defining the powers and duties of civil service commissions for such purposes; and fixing penalties," further providing for residency requirement.

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

Section 1. Section 4 of the act of May 31, 1933 (P.L.1108, No.272), entitled, as amended "An act providing for the appointment, promotion, reduction, removal and reinstatement of paid officers, firemen and employes of fire departments and of fire alarm operators and fire box inspectors in the bureaus of electricity in cities of the third class; defining the powers and duties of civil service commissions for such purposes; and fixing penalties," is amended to read:

Section 4. All examinations for positions or promotions shall be practical in their character, and shall relate to such matters, and include such inquiries, as will fairly and fully test the comparative merit and fitness of the persons examined to discharge the duties of the employment sought by them. All examinations shall be open to all applicants who have fulfilled the preliminary requirements required by this act *without regard to any applicant's place of residence at or prior to the date of application*. All applicants for any position in the fire department and as fire alarm operators and fire box inspectors in the bureau of electricity shall, subject to regulations adopted by the civil service commission, be required to submit to a physical examination before being admitted to the regular examinations held by the commission. **[Each applicant shall have been a resident of the city in which he seeks employment for one year next preceding date of his application.]** Adequate public notice of the time and place of every examination held under the provisions of this act, together with information as to the kind of position or place to be filled, shall be given at least one week prior to such examinations. The commission shall adopt reasonable regulations for permitting the presence of representatives of the press at the examinations. The commission shall post, in a public place at its office, the eligible lists, containing the names and grades of those who have passed examinations, and shall indicate thereon such appointments as may be made from said lists.

Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 17th day of July, A.D. 2003.

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