

No. 5

AN ACT

HB 1582

Amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723), 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 regulating promotion of county police.

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

Section 1. Section 1516, act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723), known as the "Second Class County Code," is amended to read:

Section 1516. Promotions.—Promotions shall be based on merit [, to be ascertained by written examinations to be prescribed by the board of county commissioners and held under the supervision of the commission. All examinations for promotions shall be practical in character and such as will fairly test the merit and fitness of the persons seeking promotion]. *The county commissioners shall notify the commission of any vacancy in the police force 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 shall be eligible to take any promotional examination until after serving three years in the county police force for which such examination is held. The board of commissioners shall have power to determine in each instance whether an increase in salary shall constitute a promotion.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 10th day of February, A. D. 1970.

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The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 5.



Secretary of the Commonwealth.