

No. 95

AN ACT

HB 489

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," changing the probationary period for police and providing for the appointment of additional police for criminal investigation.

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

Section 1. Section 1514, act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), known as the "Second Class County Code," amended August 13, 1963 (P.L.662, No.347), is amended to read:

Section 1514. Probationary Period.—All appointments to any position in the county police force **[or] shall be for a probationary period of eighteen months and for any position** as fireman or fire inspector shall be for a probationary period of six months, but during the probationary period an appointee may be dismissed only for cause, as specified in section 1511 of this act. If at the close of the probationary period, the conduct or fitness of the probationer has not been satisfactory to the board of county commissioners, the probationer shall be notified in writing that he will not receive a permanent appointment. Thereupon, his appointment shall cease; otherwise, his retention shall be equivalent to a permanent appointment.

Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 1515.1. Special Examination and Appointment of Police for Criminal Investigation.—In counties of the second class within thirty days the commission shall arrange for special examinations of applicants for positions in the police force for the purpose of increasing the force by forty persons. The examination shall be practical in character and shall relate to such matters and include such inquiries as will fairly test the persons examined with respect to their expertise in criminal investigation and related police work and their merit and fitness to discharge the duties of their employment. Applicants for examination under the provisions of this section shall be eighteen years of age or older and need not be a resident of the county, but shall in all other respects meet the eligibility requirements of this article for examination for positions in the police force.

Except as otherwise in this section provided, examinations of qualified applicants shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of this Article XV relating to examination of applicants for positions in the police force. Appointments not to exceed forty in number shall be made within one year and except as otherwise in this

section provided, shall be made in accordance with the provisions of this Article XV relating to appointments to the police force. Anyone appointed under the provisions of this section shall in all respects be subject to the provisions of this article relating to members of the police force.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 31st day of May, A. D. 1974.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 95.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "C. McLaughlin Tucker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "C" and a prominent "T" at the end.

Secretary of the Commonwealth.