No. 1978-210

AN ACT

HB 1698

Amending the act of February 1, 1966 (1965 P.L.1656, No.581), entitled "An act concerning boroughs, and revising, amending and consolidating the law relating to boroughs," authorizing the appointment of police through Federally funded programs without invoking the civil service provisions of this act.

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

Section 1. The first paragraph of section 1171, act of February 1, 1966 (1965 P.L.1656, No.581), known as "The Borough Code," is amended to read:

Section 1171. Appointments of Police and Firemen.—This subdivision (j) of this article shall not apply to any borough having a police force of less than three members or to those having three or more members if those members in excess of two are appointed on a temporary basis through a Federally funded program or to volunteer fire departments or companies employing their own operators, or to boroughs having less than three salaried operators of fire apparatus. This subdivision (j) of this article is subject as heretofore to the power of council to determine compensation. Hereafter each and every appointment to and promotion in the police-force or as fire apparatus operators paid directly by the borough in every borough shall be made only according to qualifications and fitness, to be ascertained by examinations which shall be competitive as hereinafter provided.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 4th day of October, A. D. 1978.

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