

No. 1986-120

AN ACT

HB 2275

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 civil service examinations and for appeals to the Civil Service Commission.

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

Section 1. Section 1512 of the 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 1512. Manner of Making Appointments.—Every position of employment, except that of superintendent of police or equivalent official, and except that of fire chief or equivalent official or chief fire inspector or equivalent official, unless filled by promotion or reinstatement, shall be filled only in the following manner: The county commissioners shall notify the commission of any vacancy in the police force or as fireman or fire inspector which is to be filled 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 examination held within a period of **[two] three** 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 for any of the reasons stated in the preceding section. As each subsequent vacancy occurs in the same or another position precisely the same procedure shall be followed.

Section 2. Section 1518(b) of the act is amended to read:

Section 1518. Reducing in Rank; Suspension; Furloughing; Discharging.—***

(b) In every case of reduction of rank (except that of superintendent of police), suspension, furlough or discharge, a copy or statement of the reasons therefor and written answers thereto shall be furnished to the person sought to be reduced in rank, suspended, furloughed or discharged, if he shall make demand therefor. He shall have the right to appeal to the commission for a hearing on the reasons or charges preferred against him *within ninety days of the date of service of a copy or statement of the reasons or charges.*

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

APPROVED—The 10th day of July, A. D. 1986.

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