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# HOUSE BILL NO. 863

## 91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES DEMPSEY AND GAMBARO (Co-sponsors).

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### AN ACT

To repeal section 84.170, RSMo 2000, relating to the executive-level hiring practices of the St. Louis police force, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the same subject.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 84.170, RSMo 2000, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 84.170, to read as follows:

84.170. 1. When any vacancy shall take place in any grade of officers, it shall be filled from the next lowest grade; provided, however, that probationary patrolmen shall serve at least six months as such before being promoted to the rank of patrolman; patrolmen shall serve at least three years as such before being promoted to the rank of sergeant; sergeants shall serve at least one year as such before being promoted to the rank of lieutenant; **and** lieutenants shall serve at least one year as such before being promoted to the rank of captain; and in no case shall the [chief or] assistant chief be selected from [men] **among persons who are** not members of the force or below the grade of captain. Patrolmen shall serve at least three years as such before promotion to the rank of detective; the inspector shall be taken from [men] **officers** in the rank not below the grade of lieutenant.

2. The boards of police are hereby authorized to make all such rules and regulations, not inconsistent with sections 84.010 to 84.340, or other laws of the state, as they may judge necessary, for the appointment, employment, uniforming, discipline, trial and government of the police. The said boards shall also have power to require of any officer or policeman bond with sureties when they may consider it demanded by the public interests. All lawful rules and

**EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

16 regulations of the board shall be obeyed by the police force on pain of dismissal or such lighter  
17 punishment, either by suspension, fine, reduction or forfeiture of pay, or otherwise as the boards  
18 may adjudge.