

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 3479

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE HOVIS.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 84.570, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to employment with the Kansas City police force.

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

Section A. Section 84.570, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 84.570, to read as follows:

84.570. 1. No person shall be appointed policeman or officer of police who shall have been convicted of any offense, the punishment of which may be confinement in the state penitentiary; nor shall any person be appointed who is not proven to be of good character, or who is not proven to be a bona fide citizen of the United States, or who cannot read and write the English language and who does not possess ordinary physical strength and courage, nor shall any person be originally appointed to said police force who is less than twenty-one years of age. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the board shall have the sole authority to determine conditions of employment for police officers pursuant to section 84.460.

2. In the interest of efficiency and public safety, law enforcement officers, as such term is defined in 29 U.S.C. Section 630 or any successor statute, shall be separated from service on the last day of the month in which the employee becomes sixty-five years of age or reaches thirty-five years of creditable service, as such term is defined in subdivision (8) of section 86.900, whichever occurs ~~later~~ **first**.

3. The board shall from time to time require open competitive examinations or tests for determining the qualifications and fitness of all applicants for appointment to positions on the police force. Such examinations and tests shall be practical and shall relate to matters which fairly measure the relative fitness of the candidates to discharge the duties of the

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~thus~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 positions to which they seek to be appointed. Notice of such examinations and tests shall be
19 given not less than ten days in advance thereof by public advertisement in at least one
20 newspaper of general circulation in such city, and by posting notice in the police headquarters
21 building. A list of those qualifying in such examinations shall be established, listing those
22 qualified in order of rank. When an appointment is to be made, the appointment shall be
23 made from such eligible list.

24 4. The board shall also establish rules for:

25 (1) Temporary employment for not exceeding sixty days in the absence of any
26 eligible list;

27 (2) Hours of work of police employees and officers subject to the provisions of
28 section 84.510; and

29 (3) Attendance regulations and leaves of absence.

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