

ASSEMBLY, No. 2277

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblymen DiGAETANO and KELLY

1 AN ACT concerning the requirements for certification as a municipal
2 tax collector and amending P.L.1979, c.384.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. Section 2 of P.L.1979, c.384 (C.40A:9-145.2) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 2. Commencing on the effective date of this act, the director shall
10 hold examinations semi-annually, and at such other times as he may
11 determine appropriate, for certification as tax collector. An applicant
12 for examination shall furnish proof to the director, not less than 30
13 days before an examination, that the applicant is not less than 21 years
14 of age, is a citizen of the United States, is of good moral character, has
15 obtained a certificate or diploma issued after at least four years of
16 study in an approved secondary school or has received an academic
17 education considered and accepted by the Commissioner of Education
18 as fully equivalent; has graduated from a four year course at an
19 institution of higher education of recognized standing, or has not less
20 than two years' full-time experience in tax collection, or has at least
21 one year's full-time experience in tax collection and 30 credit hours at
22 an institution of higher education of recognized standing; and
23 possesses certificates of completion of Municipal Tax Collection I, II,
24 and III courses offered by Rutgers, The State University or the
25 Division of Local Government Services.

26 For the purpose of this section, experience in tax collection must
27 include experience in the following areas: lien enforcement, tax
28 collecting, tax billing, and reporting, and, shall be attested to by the
29 tax collector of the employing municipality.

30 The proofs required pursuant to this section shall be provided on
31 such application forms and in such manner as shall be prescribed by the
32 director. Each completed application form shall be accompanied by a
33 fee in the amount of \$50 payable to the order of the State Treasurer
34 and shall be filed with the director at least 30 days prior to the date of

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 the examination. Examinations shall be written, or both written and
2 oral, and shall be of such character as fairly to test and determine the
3 qualifications, fitness and ability of the person tested to actually
4 perform the duties of tax collector. [An individual who fails the
5 examination three consecutive times shall retake the three required
6 courses, prior to taking the examination again.]
7 (cf: P.L.1993, c.25, s.1)

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9 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be retroactive to
10 June 1, 1995.

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STATEMENT

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15 This bill removes the requirement, enacted by P.L.1993, c.25, that
16 any person who fails the examination for certification as a tax collector
17 three consecutive times must retake the three required courses prior
18 to taking the examination again. No other certification program for
19 municipal officials run by the Department of Community Affairs has
20 this requirement, and therefore, it is equitable that this requirement be
21 repealed. This repeal will also provide greater flexibility to the
22 department with respect to the administration of the testing. The
23 repeal of this requirement would be retroactive to June 1, 1995.

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28 Removes requirement that course work for certification as tax
29 collector must be repeated if candidate for certification fails test three
30 consecutive times.