

SENATE, No. 70

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Senators CASEY and KOSCO

1 AN ACT concerning the appointment of certain law enforcement
2 officers and amending P.L.1991, c.299.

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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 1 of P.L.1991, c.299 (C.40A:14-180) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 1. a. The provisions of any other law to the contrary
10 notwithstanding, the appointing authority of a county or municipality
11 which, pursuant to N.J.S.40A:14-106, in the case of a county, or
12 N.J.S.40A:14-118, in the case of a municipality, has established and
13 maintains a police force may appoint as a member or officer of the
14 county or municipal police department any person who:

15 (1) was serving as a law enforcement officer in good standing in
16 any State, county or municipal law enforcement department or agency;
17 and

18 (2) satisfactorily completed a working test period in a State law
19 enforcement title or in a law enforcement title in a county or
20 municipality which has adopted Title 11A, Civil Service, of the New
21 Jersey Statutes or satisfactorily completed a comparable, documented
22 probationary period in a law enforcement title in a county or
23 municipality which has not adopted Title 11A, Civil Service; and

24 (3) was, for reasons of economy, terminated as a law enforcement
25 officer within [36] 60 months prior to the appointment.

26 b. A county or municipality may employ such a person
27 notwithstanding that:

28 (1) Title 11A, Civil Service, of the New Jersey Statutes is
29 operative in that county or municipality;

30 (2) the county or municipality has available to it an eligible or
31 regular reemployment list of persons eligible for such appointments;
32 and

33 (3) the appointed person is not on any eligible list. A county or
34 municipality which has adopted Title 11A, Civil Service, may not

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 employ such a person if a special reemployment list is in existence for
2 the law enforcement title to be filled.

3 c. If a county determines to appoint a person pursuant to the
4 provisions of this act, it shall give first priority in making such
5 appointments to residents of the county. A municipality making such
6 an appointment shall give first priority to residents of the municipality
7 and second priority to residents of the county not residing in the
8 municipality.

9 d. The seniority, seniority-related privileges and rank a law
10 enforcement officer possessed with the employer who terminated the
11 officer's employment for reasons of economy shall not be transferable
12 to a new position when the officer is appointed to a law enforcement
13 position pursuant to the provisions of this section.

14 (cf: P.L.1993, c.187, s.1)

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16 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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21 Authorizes hiring of certain law enforcement officers by counties and
22 municipalities.