

SENATE, No. 1598

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator KENNY

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 probationary member or
14 officer of the county or municipal police department any person who
15 was serving a probationary period as a law enforcement officer on a
16 county police force at the time that the county abolished the police
17 force; or may appoint as a member or officer of the county or
18 municipal police department any person who:

19 (1) was serving as a law enforcement officer in good standing in
20 any State, county or municipal law enforcement department or agency;
21 and

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

28 (3) was, for reasons of economy, terminated as a law enforcement
29 officer within 60 months prior to the appointment.

30 b. A county or municipality may employ such a person
31 notwithstanding that:

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

34 (2) the county or municipality has available to it an eligible or

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 regular reemployment list of persons eligible for such appointments;
2 and

3 (3) the appointed person is not on any eligible list. A county or
4 municipality which has adopted Title 11A, Civil Service, may not
5 employ such a person if a special reemployment list is in existence for
6 the law enforcement title to be filled.

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

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

18 (cf: P.L.1996, c.13, s.1)

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20 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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22 STATEMENT

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24 This bill would permit counties and municipalities in which Title
25 11A (Civil Service) of the New Jersey Statutes is operative to hire as
26 a law enforcement officer for a probationary period any person who
27 was serving a probationary period as a law enforcement officer on a
28 county police force that has been abolished. This bill would allow
29 counties and municipalities to hire such a person irrespective of local
30 employment or reemployment lists.

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36 Allows counties and municipalities to hire probationary members of
abolished police force.