

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 277 Session of
2003

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RAFFERTY, SCARNATI, WOZNIAK, WONDERLING, CORMAN, COSTA, DENT
AND TARTAGLIONE, FEBRUARY 10, 2003

REFERRED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 10, 2003

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 31, 1933 (P.L.1108, No.272), entitled,
2 as amended, "An act providing for the appointment, promotion,
3 reduction, removal and reinstatement of paid officers,
4 firemen and employees of fire departments and of fire alarm
5 operators and fire box inspectors in the bureaus of
6 electricity in cities of the third class; defining the powers
7 and duties of civil service commissions for such purposes;
8 and fixing penalties," further providing for residency
9 requirement.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. Section 4 of the act of May 31, 1933 (P.L.1108,
13 No.272), entitled, as amended "An act providing for the
14 appointment, promotion, reduction, removal and reinstatement of
15 paid officers, firemen and employees of fire departments and of
16 fire alarm operators and fire box inspectors in the bureaus of
17 electricity in cities of the third class; defining the powers
18 and duties of civil service commissions for such purposes; and
19 fixing penalties," is amended to read:

20 Section 4. All examinations for positions or promotions
21 shall be practical in their character, and shall relate to such

1 matters, and include such inquiries, as will fairly and fully
2 test the comparative merit and fitness of the persons examined
3 to discharge the duties of the employment sought by them. All
4 examinations shall be open to all applicants who have fulfilled
5 the preliminary requirements required by this act without regard
6 to any applicant's place of residence at or prior to the date of
7 application. All applicants for any position in the fire
8 department and as fire alarm operators and fire box inspectors
9 in the bureau of electricity shall, subject to regulations
10 adopted by the civil service commission, be required to submit
11 to a physical examination before being admitted to the regular
12 examinations held by the commission. [Each applicant shall have
13 been a resident of the city in which he seeks employment for one
14 year next preceding date of his application.] Adequate public
15 notice of the time and place of every examination held under the
16 provisions of this act, together with information as to the kind
17 of position or place to be filled, shall be given at least one
18 week prior to such examinations. The commission shall adopt
19 reasonable regulations for permitting the presence of
20 representatives of the press at the examinations. The commission
21 shall post, in a public place at its office, the eligible lists,
22 containing the names and grades of those who have passed
23 examinations, and shall indicate thereon such appointments as
24 may be made from said lists.

25 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.