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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 388

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the qualifications of police
7 officers."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 * Section 1. AS 18.65 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 18.65.015. QUALIFICATIONS. (a) To qualify as a police
11 officer, including the position of "special officer" under sec. 10 of
12 this chapter, a person shall

- 13 (1) be at least 21 years old;
14 (2) be a citizen of the United States;
15 (3) have graduated from high school; and
16 (4) have never been convicted of a felony.

17 (b) Qualifications in addition to those specified in (a) of this
18 section may be required by the department.

19 * Sec. 2. AS 29.10.105 is amended to read:

20 Sec. 29.10.105. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXAMINATION OF APPLICANTS FOR
21 THE POLICE FORCE. (a) A person who seeks the position of police
22 officer of a city of the first class shall before appointment pass a
23 written examination upon the following subjects: The Constitution of
24 the United States, state laws relating to arrests in criminal cases,
25 the issuance and execution of search warrants, and the ordinances of
26 the city.

27 (b) The examination shall be conducted under the supervision of
28 the mayor upon written questions prepared by him or at his direction.
29 The answers shall be graded by the common council who have the power

1 to determine whether an applicant passes or fails. The questions and
2 answers shall be filed with the clerk of the city for permanent
3 safekeeping and are open to inspection by the public.

4 (c) In addition to passing the examination specified in (a) of
5 this section, to qualify as a police officer, including the position of
6 chief of police, a person shall

- 7 (1) be at least 21 years old;
8 (2) be a citizen of the United States;
9 (3) have graduated from high school; and
10 (4) have never been convicted of a felony.

11 (d) Qualifications in addition to those specified in (c) of this
12 section may be required by ordinance.

13 * Sec. 3. AS 29.15 is amended by adding a new section to read:

14 Sec. 29.15.145. QUALIFICATIONS OF POLICE OFFICERS. (a) To
15 qualify as a police officer, including the position of chief of police,
16 a person shall

- 17 (1) be at least 21 years old;
18 (2) be a citizen of the United States;
19 (3) have graduated from high school; and
20 (4) have never been convicted of a felony.

21 (b) Qualifications in addition to those specified in (a) of this
22 section may be required by department.

23 * Sec. 4. AS 29.25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

24 Sec. 29.25.195. QUALIFICATIONS OF POLICE OFFICERS. (a) To
25 qualify as a police officer, including the position of chief of police,
26 a person shall

- 27 (1) be at least 21 years old;
28 (2) be a citizen of the United States;
29 (3) have graduated from high school; and

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(4) have never been convicted of a felony.

(b) Qualifications in addition to those specified in (a) of this section may be required by department.

• Sec. 5. AS 29.08 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 29.08.018. QUALIFICATIONS OF POLICE OFFICERS. AS 29.10.105, relating to the qualifications of police officers, applies to home rule cities.

• Sec. 6. AS 07.12 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 07.12.030. QUALIFICATIONS OF POLICE OFFICERS. AS 29.10.105, relating to the qualifications of police officers, applies to home rule boroughs.