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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR 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 or have equivalent
16 qualifications as determined by the department; and

17 (4) have never been convicted of a felony.

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

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

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

28 (b) The examination shall be conducted under the supervision of
29 the mayor upon written questions prepared by him or at his direction.

1 The answers shall be graded by the common council or designees of its
2 members who have the power to determine whether an applicant passes or
3 fails. The questions and answers shall be filed with the clerk of the
4 city for permanent safekeeping and are open to inspection by the public

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

8 (1) be at least 21 years old;

9 (2) be a citizen of the United States;

10 (3) have graduated from high school or have the equivalent
11 qualifications as determined by the council;

12 (4) have never been convicted of a felony.

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

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

16 Sec. 29.15.145. QUALIFICATIONS OF POLICE OFFICERS. (a) to
17 qualify as a police officer, including the position of chief of police,
18 a person shall

19 (1) be at least 21 years old;

20 (2) be a citizen of the United States;

21 (3) have graduated from high school or have the equivalent
22 qualifications as determined by the board of trustees; and

23 (4) have never been convicted of a felony.

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

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

27 Sec. 29.25.195. QUALIFICATIONS OF POLICE OFFICERS. (a) To
28 qualify as a police officer, including the position of chief of police,
29 a person shall

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- (1) be at least 21 years old;
- (2) be a citizen of the United States;
- (3) have graduated from high school or have the equivalent qualifications as determined by the council;
- (4) have never been convicted of a felony.

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

* 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.

* Sec. 7. The qualifications for employment specified in this Act shall not be applied to a police officer who is serving the state or a local government as a police officer on the effective date of this Act.