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P.L. 1996, CHAPTER 13, *approved April 2, 1996*
Assembly No. 1683

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

37 c. If a county determines to appoint a person pursuant to the
38 provisions of this act, it shall give first priority in making such
39 appointments to residents of the county. A municipality making such
40 an appointment shall give first priority to residents of the municipality
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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.

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

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

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9 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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12 STATEMENT

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15 which laid-off law enforcement officers are eligible, and accorded
16 preference, for reemployment appointments under the State's special
17 statewide law enforcement program.

18 Under current law (P.L.1991, c.299; C.40A:14-180), the names of
19 qualified law enforcement officers who are laid-off for reasons of
20 economy are placed on a "Special Statewide Law Enforcement
21 Reemployment List" and circulated to local governmental appointing
22 authority by the Department of Personnel. This priority hiring
23 program benefits both local governmental units seeking to employ
24 trained and experienced law enforcement officers and qualified officers
25 seeking reemployment.

26 One of the program's statutory qualifications is that law
27 enforcement officers are only eligible during the initial 36 months
28 following the official date of their lay-off. There are a number of
29 highly trained and qualified law enforcement officers who will be
30 dropped from the program because they have been unable, through no
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ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1683

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 11, 1996

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