

38:23A-2

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST**

**NJSA:** 38:23A-2 (Allows veterans of Vietnam and Korean to qualify for certain public employment)

**LAWS OF:** 1984

**CHAPTER:** 44

**Bill No:** S1040

**Sponsor(s):** Bubba and others

**Date Introduced:** January 23, 1984

**Committee:** **Assembly:** State Government, Civil Service, Elections, Pensions and Veterans Affairs

**Senate:** State Government, Federal and Interstate Relations and Veterans Affairs

**Amended during passage:** No Substituted for A1980 (not attached since identical to S1040)

**Date of Passage:** **Assembly:** May 21, 1984

**Senate:** April 30, 1984

**Date of Approval:** May 24, 1984

**Following statements are attached if available:**

**Sponsor statement:** Yes

**Committee statement:** **Assembly** Yes

**Senate** Yes

**Fiscal Note:** No

**Veto Message:** No

**Message on Signing:** Yes

**Following were printed:**

**Reports:** No

**Hearings:** No

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CHAPTER 44 LAWS OF N. J. 1984  
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SENATE, No. 1040

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JANUARY 23, 1984

By Senators BUBBA, CONNORS, GORMLEY, EWING, SAXTON,  
HURLEY, DiFRANCESCO, GAGLIANO and LASKIN

Referred to Committee on State Government, Federal and  
Interstate Relations and Veterans Affairs

AN ACT concerning the maximum age limits for certain public  
employees and amending P. L. 1944, c. 98.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. Section 1 of P. L. 1944, c. 98 (C. 38:23A-2) is amended to  
2 read as follows:

3 1. When the qualifications for any examination or test for, or  
4 appointment or election to any office, position or employment under  
5 the government of this State, or of any county, municipality,  
6 school district or other political subdivision of this State, or under  
7 any board, body, agency or commission of this State, or of any  
8 county, municipality or school district, includes a maximum age  
9 limit, any person who, heretofore and subsequent to July first,  
10 one thousand nine hundred and forty, entered or hereafter, in  
11 time of war, shall enter the active military or naval service of the  
12 United States or the active service of the Women's Army Corps,  
13 the Women's Reserve of the Naval Reserve or any similar orga-  
14 nization authorized by the United States to serve with the Army  
15 or Navy, shall be deemed to meet such maximum age requirement,  
16 if his actual age, less the period of such service, would meet the  
17 maximum age requirement in effect on the date the person entered  
18 into such service of the United States. *As used in this section the*  
19 *term "war" shall include the conflicts in Viet Nam and Korea.*

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

**Matter printed in italics thus is new matter.**

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This bill extends the same rights to persons who served in Viet Nam and Korea as currently exist for persons who served in World Wars I and II. This bill will enable veterans of Viet Nam and Korea, when qualifying for any public office which includes a maximum age limit, to meet the maximum age requirement if their actual age, less their period of service, would meet the maximum age requirement in effect on the date they entered the service.

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ELECTIONS, PENSIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE

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STATEMENTS TO  
SENATE, No. 1040

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 27, 1984

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STATEMENT TO  
SENATE, No. 1040

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 23, 1984

This bill concerns Korean and Vietnam war veterans who are being tested for, or appointed or elected to, any office or position in State government or a political subdivision thereof which has a maximum age requirement. It allows the veteran to subtract the period of military service from his actual age to meet any age requirement.

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Release: FRIDAY, MAY 25, 1984

185 W. State Street  
Trenton, N. J.

Governor Thomas H. Kean yesterday signed legislation to enable veterans of the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War to qualify for public office and meet the maximum age limit on the same conditions as veterans of World War I and II.

The bill, S-1040, was sponsored by Senator Joseph Bubba, R-Passaic.

The bill would permit veterans of the conflicts in Korea and Vietnam, when qualifying for any public office which includes a maximum age limit, to meet that requirement if their actual age, less their period of service, would meet the requirement.

Prior to signing the legislation, only veterans of World War I and II could take advantage of the provision.

The Governor also signed the following bills:

AJR-50, sponsored by Assemblywoman Marlene Ford, D-Ocean, which designated May 25, 1984 as "Missing Children's Day." The resolution notes that more than 1.8 million children in the United States are missing for a period of at least 24 hours each year, and that some 50,000 are still missing at the end of each year. It cites the need to increase public awareness on the problem and improve law enforcement techniques in meeting the problem.

S-1427, sponsored by State Senator Thomas F. Cowan, D-Hudson, which authorizes the Department of Higher Education to receive additional Federal supplemental funds of \$1,379,800. The money comes through the Administrative Cost Allowance for the Federal Guaranty Student Loan Program.

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