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1 AN ACT to amend and reenact §8-15-20 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to increasing the probationary appointment period for vacancies filled by the Firemen's
3 Civil Service Commission from six months to one year.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

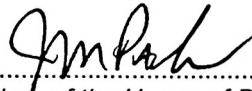
**ARTICLE 15. FIRE FIGHTING, FIRE COMPANIES AND DEPARTMENTS, CIVIL
SERVICE FOR PAID FIRE DEPARTMENTS.**

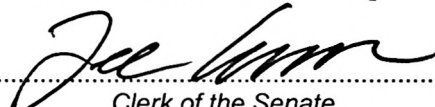
**§8-15-20. Appointments from list of eligible applicants; special examinations for
electricians or mechanics.**

1 (a) Every position, unless filled by promotion, reinstatement, or reduction, shall be filled
2 only in the manner specified in this section. The appointing officer shall notify the Firemen's Civil
3 Service Commission of any vacancy in a position which he or she desires to fill, and shall request
4 the certification of eligible applicants. The commission shall immediately certify, from the eligible
5 list, the names of the three individuals on the eligible list who received the highest averages at
6 preceding competitive examinations held under the civil service provisions of this article within a
7 period of three years next preceding the date of the prospective appointment. The appointing
8 officer shall, with sole reference to the relative merit and fitness of the candidates, make an
9 appointment from the three certified names: *Provided*, That if the appointing officer objects, to the
10 commission, to one or more of these individuals, for any of the reasons stated in §8-15-19 of this
11 code, and the objection is sustained by the commission, after a public hearing along the lines of
12 the hearing provided for in §8-15-19 of this code, if a hearing is requested, the commission shall
13 strike the name of the individual from the eligible list, and certify the next highest name for each
14 individual stricken. As each subsequent vacancy occurs, in the same or another position,
15 precisely the same procedure shall be followed: *Provided, however*, That after any name has
16 been rejected three times for the same or another position in favor of a name or names below it
17 on the same list, the name shall be stricken from the list. When there are a number of positions

18 of the same kind to be filled at the same time, each appointment shall, nevertheless, be made
19 separately and in accordance with the provisions of this section. When an appointment is made
20 under the provisions of this section it shall be, in the first instance, for the probationary period of
21 one year, as provided in §8-15-16 of this code: *Provided further*, That in the event any position as
22 an electrician or mechanic is to be filled in any paid fire department, then the examinations to be
23 given to applicants for either position shall be drawn to test only the qualifications of the applicants
24 in regard to their ability as electricians or mechanics, the examinations to be special examinations.
25 (b) If there are not enough eligible applicants to certify a list of three, then the appointing
26 officer may appoint a qualified individual to fill the position.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates and the Clerk of the Senate hereby certify that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.


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Clerk of the House of Delegates

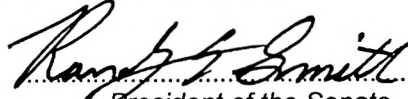

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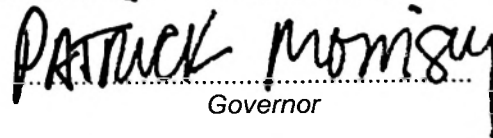
Originated in the House of Delegates.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates


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President of the Senate

The within is approved this the 25th
Day of April, 2025.


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Governor

PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

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