

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas
2 81st General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 1997

A Bill

ACT 380 OF 1997
HOUSE BILL 1264

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5 By: Representative Pollan
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED 12-8-202 TO
10 REQUIRE ARKANSAS STATE POLICE APPLICANTS BE UNITED STATES
11 CITIZENS AND NOT BE PROHIBITED BY STATE OR FEDERAL LAW
12 FROM POSSESSING A WEAPON; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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15 "TO REQUIRE ARKANSAS STATE POLICE
16 APPLICANTS BE UNITED STATES CITIZENS AND
17 NOT BE PROHIBITED BY STATE OR FEDERAL
18 LAW FROM POSSESSING A WEAPON"
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 12-8-202 is amended to read as
23 follows:

24 "12-8-202. Qualifications of members.

25 (a) All applicants for positions as Arkansas State Police shall be
26 citizens of the United States; however, said applicants must become citizens
27 of the State of Arkansas in order to commence employment. ~~and Any applicant~~
28 shall be employed strictly upon an efficiency basis, irrespective of ~~religion~~
29 ~~or political affiliations~~ race, gender, religion, or political affiliation.

30 (b) No person shall be eligible for a position as a commissioned member
31 of the Department of Arkansas State Police ~~or any other position with the~~
32 ~~Department of Arkansas State Police~~ who has been convicted of a felony in any
33 state or federal court, who is prohibited by state or federal law from
34 possessing a weapon, or who is known to be a person of immoral character.

35 (c) All Arkansas State Police shall be chosen along the lines of civil
36 service and shall not be appointed as patronage or political favor.

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SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

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