

1 State of Arkansas
2 80th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 1995
4 By: Senator Todd

A Bill

SENATE BILL 505

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS § 12-8-202 TO PROVIDE THAT
9 APPLICANTS FOR POSITIONS AS ARKANSAS STATE POLICE MUST BE
10 COLLEGE GRADUATES WITH AT LEAST A BACHELOR'S DEGREE; AND
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT APPLICANTS FOR
15 POSITIONS AS ARKANSAS STATE POLICE MUST
16 BE COLLEGE GRADUATES WITH AT LEAST A
17 BACHELOR'S DEGREE."

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-8-202 is amended to read as follows:

22 "12-8-202. Qualifications of members.

23 (a) All applicants for positions as Arkansas State Police shall be
24 citizens of the State of Arkansas and shall be employed strictly upon an
25 efficiency basis, irrespective of religion or political affiliations.

26 (b) No person shall be eligible for a position as a member of the
27 Arkansas State Police or any other position with the Department of Arkansas
28 State Police who has been convicted of a felony in any state or federal court
29 or who is known to be a person of immoral character.

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

32 (d) All applicants for positions as Arkansas State Police shall be
33 college graduates with at least a bachelor's degree."

35 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent

1 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
2 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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

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11 hereby repealed.

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13 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the
14 General Assembly that additional qualifications are necessary for Arkansas
15 State Police applicants; that applicants should have at least a bachelor's
16 degree; and that for effective administration of this act it should be
17 effective July 1, 1995. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist
18 and this act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health
19 and safety shall be in full force and effect on and after July 1, 1995.

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