



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

AN ACT

AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE TO APPOINT POLICE CADETS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF SAID CITY

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding chapter 31 of the General Laws, a person who possesses an associate degree or has completed 60 or more credit hours at an accredited college, and has completed not less than 2 years of service as a police cadet in the police department of the city of Somerville, pursuant to section 21A of chapter 147 of the General Laws may, subject to a program established by the appointing authority of the city, be appointed to fill a vacancy in a position in the lowest grade in the police force of said city pursuant to said chapter 31, provided that such person either is on a police entrance eligible list prepared under said chapter, and in accordance with section 2 below, or passes a qualifying examination to be given by said personnel administrator that the program shall provide for recruitment of applicants for appointment as police cadets in said city and for appointment from an eligible list prepared after a competitive examination administered under the supervision of the appointing authority of the city.

SECTION 2. The personnel administrator of the state division of personnel administration is hereby authorized and directed to credit any person who has

completed not less than 2 years of service as a police cadet in the police department of Somerville, and passed but has not been appointed on the effective date of this act, a civil service examination for the position of police officer with two additional points on the passing grade for the first two years of service as such a police cadet and one point for each additional, completed year of such service not to exceed a total of five points. This provision will remain applicable to any Civil Service's Entry Level Somerville Police Officer Eligible List in which the exam date occurs prior to the cadet's 29th birthday.

SECTION 3. If any federal or state, administrative or court order, requires the listing of candidates in separate groups, each group to be listed according to the law of the commonwealth, then this act shall be subject to such listing.

SECTION 4. The appointing authority of the police department of said city shall institute appropriate recruitment procedures for the police cadet force to effectuate the purposes of and, to the extent practicable, ensure consistency with section 26 of chapter 31 of the General Laws and basic merit principles and to realize the purposes of this paragraph.

SECTION 5. Nothing in this Act is intended to modify the following statutes: G.L. 31, § 61; G.L. c. 31, § 20, or G.L. c. 31, § 34

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

