

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2017-2018 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

May 11, 2017

Introduced by Sen. AKSHAR -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Civil Service and Pensions

AN ACT to amend the civil service law, in relation to the minimum qualifications to serve as a fire chief in any fire department, fire district or fire protection district that employs one or more paid firefighters

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 6 of section 58-a of the civil service law, as  
2 amended by section 1 of part A of chapter 101 of the laws of 2013, is  
3 amended to read as follows:

4 6. The provisions of this section shall [~~not~~] apply to appointments  
5 made by any county, city, except cities with a population of one million  
6 or more, town, village or fire district [~~which employs five or fewer~~  
7 ~~fire fighters~~].

8 § 2. Section 58-a of the civil service law is amended by adding a new  
9 subdivision 7 to read as follows:

10 7. Notwithstanding any other provision of this law or any general,  
11 special or local law to the contrary, no person shall be eligible for  
12 provisional or permanent appointment as a fire chief other than those  
13 chiefs employed by a fire department of cities with a population of one  
14 million or more unless he or she shall:

15 (a) satisfy the basic requirements for education, health and physical  
16 fitness established by the state fire administrator pursuant to section  
17 one hundred fifty-eight of the executive law;

18 (b) has successfully completed training and education courses of mini-  
19 mum contact hour criteria approved by the state fire administrator and  
20 received certification for supervisory level 1 or higher pursuant to 19  
21 NYCRR 427.9; and

22 (c) has been employed as a lieutenant or higher rank for five or more  
23 years.

24 § 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall  
25 have become a law and shall apply to any appointment as a fire chief  
26 established on or after such date.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[~~-~~] is old law to be omitted.

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