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 amended by section 1 of part A of chapter 101 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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