

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

April 16, 2019

Introduced by Sen. GOUNARDES -- 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 and the general municipal 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 six 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 and paragraph (b) of subdivision 7 of section  
2 58-a of the civil service law, subdivision 6 as amended and paragraph  
3 (b) of subdivision 7 as added by chapter 406 of the laws of 2018, are  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 6. The provisions of this section shall not apply to appointments made  
6 by any county, city, town, village or fire district which employs [~~fewer~~  
7 ~~than five~~] five or fewer fire fighters.

8 (b) has successfully completed training and education [~~courses of~~  
9 ~~minimum contact hour criteria approved~~] requirements established by the  
10 state fire administrator [~~and received certification for supervisory~~  
11 ~~level 1 or higher pursuant to 19 NYCRR 427.9~~].

12 § 2. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new section  
13 204-dd to read as follows:

14 § 204-dd. Qualifications of a fire chief. No person shall be eligible  
15 for appointment or election as the fire chief, or any title or rank that  
16 includes the duties of the chief, in any fire department or fire company  
17 with six or more paid firefighters, unless he or she meets the require-  
18 ments established pursuant to subdivision seven of section fifty-eight-a  
19 of the civil service law. For the purpose of this section, the term  
20 firefighter shall mean a member of a fire department whose duties  
21 include fire service as defined in paragraph d of subdivision eleven of  
22 section three hundred two of the retirement and social security law.

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

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1     § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
2     it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition of any  
3     rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its  
4     effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such  
5     effective date.