

LEGISLATIVE BILL 161

Approved by the Governor March 13, 1997

Introduced by Hudkins, 21; Schmitt, 41; Tyson, 19

AN ACT relating to law enforcement; to amend section 81-1414, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1996; to change provisions relating to training requirements; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 81-1414, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1996, is amended to read:

81-1414. (1) On and after January 1, 1972, law enforcement officers already serving under permanent appointment shall not be required to meet any requirement of subsection (2) of this section as a condition of tenure or continued employment.

(2) On and after January 1, 1972, no person shall receive appointment as a law enforcement officer unless he or she has been awarded a certificate by the commission attesting to satisfactory completion of the minimum curriculum of the training center as established by the council or has been awarded a certificate attesting to satisfactory completion of a training program which the council finds equivalent thereto. Any person who has not been awarded such a certificate may receive an appointment conditioned on satisfactory completion of such training if he or she immediately applies for admission to the training center and enrolls in the next available basic training class. If such training is not completed within one year of after the appointment, the person's employment shall not be renewed by appointment or otherwise and such person shall no longer be recognized as a law enforcement officer as defined in section 81-1401, except that in cases of extreme hardship, upon application by the officer, the council may grant a waiver to allow the officer to complete the basic training program as soon as is practicable after the one-year time allowance. For purposes of this section, the council shall deem the successful completion of the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs basic police training program as administered by the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center to constitute such equivalent training, and officers certified by virtue of such equivalent training may exercise full law enforcement authority exclusively on tribal lands.

(3) On and after January 1, 1972, no law enforcement officer shall be promoted in rank unless he or she has been awarded a certificate by the director attesting to satisfactory completion of such advanced training as the council may require for the rank to which he or she is to be promoted.

(4) At the direction of the council, the director shall issue a certificate attesting to a compliance with the requirements of subsection (2) or (3) of this section to any applicant who presents evidence of satisfactory completion of a training program, other than that of the training center, found by the director to be equivalent to that of the training center.

Sec. 2. Original section 81-1414, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1996, is repealed.