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CHAPTER 437

AN ACT to amend 16.18 (1) of the statutes, relating to the creation of a uniform definition of veteran of the wars of the United States.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

16.18 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

16.18 (1) Appointing officers shall give written notice to the department of administration of the existence of any vacancy to be filled in any office or employment in the classified service, under * * * ss. 16.01 to 16.30, and within 10 days after the receipt of such notice the director shall certify from the register of eligibles appropriate for the grade and class in which the position is classified, the 3 names at the head thereof, which have not been certified 3 times to the department or office in which the vacancy exists. Whenever an employing officer notifies the department of administration of a vacancy or vacancies is to be filled he shall indicate whether he wishes certification to be made from an appropriate re-employment or original employment register for the grade or class. Whenever eligibles are certified, they must be those candidates who have been graded highest in an examination held in pursuance of ss. 16.01 to 16.30, and the rules made in accordance therewith, except that there shall be no restriction as to age in the case of veterans and except that other conditions being equal, a preference shall be given in favor of veterans of any of the wars of the United States *in accordance with the dates specified in s. 45.35 (5a)*. The employing officer shall not reject because of age any eligible veteran, 55 years of age or less, whose name has been certified to him. Preference is hereby defined to mean that whenever an honorably discharged veteran competes in any examination conducted by the bureau he shall be accorded 5 points, and if such veteran has a disability which is directly or indirectly traceable to war service, he shall be accorded another 5 points, in addition to earned ratings therein. In every case after a name has been certified 3 times, it may be dropped from the list by the director, but certificates for temporary appointment shall not be counted as one of such certificates.

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