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Appointment of Fire Chiefs

The Illinois General Assembly has updated Public Act 100-0425 concerning the appointment of fire chiefs. All existing language in the Act is preserved with amended language to include new qualification criteria for those appointed to the position of fire chief after the Act's effective date of August 25, 2017. The additional sections raise the qualifications standards of those that would be appointed to the role of fire chief to the following:

- Basic Certification/Firefighter II Certification
- Fire Officer I and II Certifications
- Associate Degree in Fire Science/Bachelor's Degree

Or

- At least 10 years' experience as a Firefighter in this jurisdiction of their appointment

These standards should be applied to any person appointed or re-appointed to the role of "chief, acting chief, department head, or a position, by whatever title, that is responsible for the day-to-day operations of a fire department for greater than 180 days".

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