

Effective 5/13/2014

**Part 1
General Provisions**

17-30a-101 Title.

- (1) This chapter is known as "Peace Officer Merit System in Counties of the First Class Act."
- (2) This part is known as "General Provisions."

Enacted by Chapter 366, 2014 General Session

17-30a-102 Definitions.

- (1) "Appointing authority" means the county sheriff or the chief executive officer of a police interlocal entity.
- (2) "Commission" means the merit system commission consisting of three persons appointed in accordance with Section 17-30a-202.
- (3) "Department" means a county sheriff's office or a police interlocal entity.
- (4) "Legislative body" means the county legislative body or the governing body of the police interlocal entity.
- (5) "Merit system officer" means a peace officer who has merit status as defined in this chapter.
- (6) "Peace officer" means a paid deputy sheriff or law enforcement officer, other than a chief deputy or other exempt appointed officer designated by the appointing authority, who is in the continuous employ of the appointing authority.
- (7) "Police interlocal entity" means an interlocal entity, as defined in Section 11-13-103, created:
 - (a) under Title 11, Chapter 13, Interlocal Cooperation Act, by an agreement to which a county of the first class is a party; and
 - (b) to provide law enforcement service to an area that includes the unincorporated part of the county.

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17-30a-103 Application.

This chapter applies to a county of the first class or a police interlocal entity in which a county of the first class is a party to an interlocal agreement to provide law enforcement service.

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17-30a-104 Subordinate officers appointed, reappointed -- Officers serving on effective date considered qualified.

- (1) The appointing authority of a county or police interlocal entity subject to this chapter that regularly employs one or more peace officers shall:
 - (a) appoint a peace officer with the advice and consent of the county legislative body or police interlocal entity governing body, subject to the rules and regulations of the commission;
 - (b) appoint each subordinate peace officer;
 - (c) fill a vacancy in the department; and
 - (d) further promote, transfer, reassign, reappoint, demote, suspend, or remove a peace officer in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

- (2) The commission shall adopt rules governing the appointment of peace officers through reappointment of a former employee who separated in good standing, within one year after separation.
- (3) A peace officer appointed before May 13, 2014, is considered to have been appointed to and hold the officer's position and classification pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

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