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To amend section 124.23 of the Revised Code to 1  
eliminate the requirement that a veteran be a 2  
resident of Ohio to qualify to receive the 3  
veterans preference on civil service examinations. 4

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 124.23 of the Revised Code be amended 5  
to read as follows: 6

**Sec. 124.23.** (A) All applicants for positions and places in 7  
the classified service shall be subject to examination, except for 8  
applicants for positions as professional or certified service and 9  
paraprofessional employees of county boards of mental retardation 10  
and developmental disabilities, who shall be hired in the manner 11  
provided in section 124.241 of the Revised Code. 12

(B) Any examination administered under this section shall be 13  
public and be open to all citizens of the United States and those 14  
persons who have legally declared their intentions of becoming 15  
United States citizens, within certain limitations to be 16  
determined by the director of administrative services as to 17  
citizenship, age, experience, education, health, habit, and moral 18  
character. Any person who has completed service in the uniformed 19

services, and who has been honorably discharged from the uniformed 20  
services or transferred to the reserve with evidence of 21  
satisfactory service, ~~and who is a resident of this state~~ and any 22  
member of the national guard or a reserve component of the armed 23  
forces of the United States who has completed more than one 24  
hundred eighty days of active duty service pursuant to an 25  
executive order of the president of the United States or an act of 26  
the congress of the United States may file with the director a 27  
certificate of service or honorable discharge, and, upon this 28  
filing, the person shall receive additional credit of twenty per 29  
cent of the person's total grade given in the regular examination 30  
in which the person receives a passing grade. 31

As used in this division, "service in the uniformed services" 32  
and "uniformed services" have the same meanings as in the 33  
"Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 34  
1994," 108 Stat. 3149, 38 U.S.C.A. 4303. 35

(C) An examination may include an evaluation of such factors 36  
as education, training, capacity, knowledge, manual dexterity, and 37  
physical or psychological fitness. An examination shall consist of 38  
one or more tests in any combination. Tests may be written, oral, 39  
physical, demonstration of skill, or an evaluation of training and 40  
experiences and shall be designed to fairly test the relative 41  
capacity of the persons examined to discharge the particular 42  
duties of the position for which appointment is sought. Tests may 43  
include structured interviews, assessment centers, work 44  
simulations, examinations of knowledge, skills, and abilities, and 45  
any other acceptable testing methods. If minimum or maximum 46  
requirements are established for any examination, they shall be 47  
specified in the examination announcement. 48

(D) The director of administrative services shall have 49  
control of all examinations, except as otherwise provided in 50  
sections 124.01 to 124.64 of the Revised Code. No questions in any 51

examination shall relate to political or religious opinions or 52  
affiliations. No credit for seniority, efficiency, or any other 53  
reason shall be added to an applicant's examination grade unless 54  
the applicant achieves at least the minimum passing grade on the 55  
examination without counting that extra credit. 56

(E) Except as otherwise provided in sections 124.01 to 124.64 57  
of the Revised Code, the director of administrative services shall 58  
give reasonable notice of the time, place, and general scope of 59  
every competitive examination for appointment to a position in the 60  
civil service. The director shall send written, printed, or 61  
electronic notices of every examination to be conducted in the 62  
state classified service to each agency of the type the director 63  
of job and family services specifies and, in the case of a county 64  
in which no such agency is located, to the clerk of the court of 65  
common pleas of that county and to the clerk of each city located 66  
within that county. Those notices shall be posted in conspicuous 67  
public places in the designated agencies or the courthouse, and 68  
city hall of the cities, of the counties in which no designated 69  
agency is located for at least two weeks preceding any examination 70  
involved, and in a conspicuous place in the office of the director 71  
of administrative services for at least two weeks preceding any 72  
examination involved. In case of examinations limited by the 73  
director to a district, county, city, or department, the director 74  
shall provide by rule for adequate publicity of an examination in 75  
the district, county, city, or department within which competition 76  
is permitted. 77

**Section 2.** That existing section 124.23 of the Revised Code 78  
is hereby repealed. 79