

CHAPTER 9.

[H. B. 29]

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT—COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS
—VETERANS' PREFERENCE.

AN ACT relating to veteran preference in competitive examinations; and amending section 41.04.010, RCW.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. Section 41.04.010, RCW, as derived from section 1, chapter 134, Laws of 1949, is amended to read as follows: Amendment.

In all competitive examinations, unless otherwise provided herein, to determine the qualifications of applicants for public offices, positions or employment, the state, and all of its political subdivisions and all municipal corporations, shall give a preference status to all veterans, as herein defined, of all wars in which the United States of America has been, now is or may hereafter be engaged, by adding to the mark, grade or rating, based upon a possible rating of one hundred points as perfect, ten percent to his final earned test rating: *Provided*, That he has received a minimum passing grade in such examination. Preference to veterans in examinations.

The term "veteran" as herein used, includes every person who has served, now is serving, or may hereafter serve in any branch of the armed forces of the United States during any such war, including the Korean conflict, and, upon termination of the service, has received an honorable discharge, or a physical discharge with an honorable record, or has been relieved of active services under honorable circumstances. "Veteran" defined.

The provisions of this section shall not be applicable to promotional examinations to determine the qualifications of officers or employees for promotion from a lower grade position to a higher grade Promotional examinations.

position: *Provided*, That when such a veteran was employed in public service at the time of his entry into military service and returns to the same employment, he shall be entitled to the preference herein provided for on his first promotional examination.

Passed the House March 20, 1953.

Passed the Senate March 20, 1953.

Approved by the Governor March 27, 1953.