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VETERANS HIRING PREFERENCE

**House Joint Resolution G
Sponsor: Rep. John Garfield
Committee: Veterans Affairs and
Homeland Security**

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION G AS INTRODUCED 5-21-03

The joint resolution would amend Article XI, Section 5 of the state constitution by establishing a hiring preference for veterans in the classified state civil service. The constitution states that the civil service commission shall, among other responsibilities, determine the qualifications of all candidates for positions in the classified services by competitive examination and performance exclusively on the basis of merit, efficiency, and fitness. The joint resolution would add that qualifications would also be determined on an individual's status as an honorably discharged veteran of the armed forces of the United States.

In addition, the constitution provides that no person shall be appointed to or promoted in the classified service who has not been certified by the commission as being qualified for that appointment or promotion. The joint resolution would add that the commission would grant a preference in appointments in the classified service to those otherwise qualified persons who are honorably discharged veterans of the armed forces of the United States.

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