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Senate Bill 163 (as introduced 2-3-09)
Sponsor: Senator Jim Barcia
Committee: Judiciary

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CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 59 of 1935, which governs the Michigan State Police (MSP), to prohibit the dismissal of a civilian employee without a hearing, and delete a provision allowing the MSP Director to establish the maximum age for people appointed as officers.

The Act requires the Director of the MSP to appoint and employ all members of the Department, who must be classified as officers and civilian employees. An officer may not be dismissed until he or she receives a due hearing on his or her removal, unless insufficient funds require a reduction in expenditures. In that case, the officer or officers junior in point of service must be dismissed. Civilian employees, however, may be dismissed at the will of the MSP Director.

Under the bill, a civilian employee could not be dismissed without a due hearing on his or her removal.

In addition, the Act establishes a minimum age of 21 years for people appointed as officers and allows the MSP Director to fix the maximum age from time to time. The bill would delete the Director's authority to establish a maximum age for officer appointees.

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Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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