

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 232

Approved May 15, 2005

RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby Opposes
Senate Bill 2005-S 1036, Relating to Towns and Cities-General Powers, which
would eliminate the residency requirement for Police Officers and Firefighters.

IN CITY COUNCIL
MAY 15 2005
READ AND PASSED

PRES.

CLERK

APPROVED

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MAYOR

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2005

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS

Introduced By: Senator Michael J. Damiani

Date Introduced: April 28, 2005

Referred To: Senate Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 45-2-15 of the General Laws in Chapter 45-2 entitled "General
2 Powers" is hereby repealed.

3 ~~**45-2-15. Police officers and fire fighters.** — No city or town shall require that an
4 individual reside within the city or town as a condition for appointment or continued employment
5 in its police or fire department.~~

6 SECTION 2. Chapter 45-2 of the General Laws entitled "General Powers" is hereby
7 amended by adding thereto the following section:

8 **45-2-15.1. Police officers and firefighters -- Residency within municipality not**
9 **required.** — No general law, city or town ordinance or home rule charter shall require that a
10 police officer or firefighter reside within the city or town as a condition of appointment or
11 continued employment. Any prior ratification and validation by the general assembly of a home
12 rule charter provision requiring residency within a city or town as a condition for employment of
13 a police officer or firefighter is hereby repealed by the general assembly; provided, further, no
14 city or town council shall make or ordain any ordinance requiring a police officer or firefighter to
15 reside within the employing city or town as a condition of appointment or continued employment.
16 and any existing ordinance requiring a police officer or firefighter to reside within the employing
17 city or town as a condition of appointment or continued employment is hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act would invalidate any general law, home rule charter, or ordinance which requires
- 2 police officers or firefighters to reside in the city or town of employment.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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Council President Lombardi

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL

ITEM CO-Sponsor

	AYES	NAYS	NOT VOT'G	ABST
COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI	✓			
ACTING COUNCIL PRESIDENT				
COUNCILMAN ALLEN	✓			
COUNCILMAN APONTE	✓			
COUNCILMAN BUTLER	✓			
COUNCILMAN DELUCA	✓			ABST
COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO				L/M
COUNCILMAN HASSETT	✓			
COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI	will wait until meeting before he decides			
COUNCILMAN JACKSON	✓			
COUNCILMAN LUNA	✓			ABST
COUNCILMAN MANCINI	✓			
COUNCILWOMAN ROMANO	✓			ABST
COUNCILMAN SEGAL				L/M
COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS	✓			
COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG	✓			

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ABSENT

