

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 235

Approved May 15, 2005

RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby Opposes
**House Bill 2005-H 6442, Relating to Towns and Cities – Police Officers and
Firefighters, which would eliminate the residency requirement for Police
Officers and Firefighters.**

IN CITY COUNCIL,
MAY 5 2005
READ AND PASSED


PRES.


CLERK

APPROVED


MAYOR

LC02883

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2005

A N A C T

RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- POLICE OFFICERS AND FIRE FIGHTERS

Introduced By: Representatives Moura, McCauley, Smith, Petrarca, and Williamson

Date Introduced: April 28, 2005

Referred To: House Labor

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2 Powers" is hereby repealed.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. -- Notwithstanding any prior ratification and validation by the general assembly of any**
10 **home rule charter provision requiring that police officers and fire fighters reside within the**
11 **employing city or town, no home rule charter provision shall require that a police officer or fire**
12 **fighter reside within the city or town as a condition of appointment or continued employment.**
13 **Any prior ratification and validation by the general assembly of a home rule charter provision**
14 **requiring residency within a city or town as a condition for employment of a police officer or fire**
15 **fighter is hereby expressly repealed by the general assembly; further, no city or town council shall**
16 **make or ordain any ordinance requiring a police officer or fire fighter to reside within the**
17 **employing city or town as a condition of appointment or continued employment. Any existing**
18 **ordinance requiring a police officer or fire fighter to reside within the employing city or town as a**
19 **condition of appointment or continued employment is hereby considered contrary to the laws of**

1 this state and is thus void as being in violation of state law.

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

LC02883

EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
A N A C T
RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- POLICE OFFICERS AND FIRE FIGHTERS

- 1 This act would invalidate provisions of any municipal ordinance or home rule charter that
- 2 imposes residency requirements upon police officers or fire fighters.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

=====
LC02883
=====

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK



Michael R. Clement
City Clerk

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK
CITY HALL

Claire E. Bestwick
First Deputy

Anna M. Stetson
Second Deputy

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES REQUESTED

Date: _____

Time: _____

Council Person Butler

By Request ☒
Not By Request ☐

Subject: _____

Resolution Opposing House Bill 2005- H 6442, relating to Towns and
Cities-Police Officers and Firefighters, which would eliminate the
residency requirement for ~~all school department employees.~~

police officers
+
firefighters

in Bold

Taken By: _____