

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 234

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

5/15/05

MAYOR

Cornelius Rudolph Stenbark, Counselor at Law, Boston, Mass.
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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2 Powers" is hereby repealed.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15 fighter is hereby expressly repealed by the general assembly; further, no city or town council shall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.

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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.

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RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES REQUESTED

Date: _____

Time: _____

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By Request
Not By Request

Summary: _____

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*

Taken By: _____