

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

Conrad Rudolph Stenback, Laurence Allen Oppenheimer, Butler, Gladys, Margaret Jackson, Maria Conradi, Ronald Williams & Young

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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2 Powers" is hereby repealed.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15 **fighter is hereby expressly repealed by the general assembly; further, no city or town council shall**  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

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- 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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DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK



Michael R. Clement  
City Clerk

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CITY HALL

Claire E. Bestwick  
First Deputy

Anna M. Stetson  
Second Deputy

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES REQUESTED

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Council Person Rombaldi + others

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: \_\_\_\_\_