



January 25, 2008

HOUSE BILL No. 1114

DIGEST OF HB 1114 (Updated January 23, 2008 3:19 pm - DI 75)

Citations Affected: IC 36-8.

Synopsis: Police officer and firefighter residency. Establishes separate statutes that define general residency requirements for each of the following: (1) Members of city police and fire departments. (2) Members of town police and fire departments. (3) Members of township fire departments. Provides that a town legislative body may adopt an ordinance or a township legislative body may adopt a resolution requiring a member of a police or fire department to live within the county in which the town or township is located or within a certain distance from the township or town. Provides that such an ordinance or resolution may not apply to a member who does not comply with the requirements of the ordinance or resolution on the date the ordinance or resolution is adopted. Provides that a member appointed to a town metropolitan police department or town marshal system before July 1, 2008, may not be required to reside within: (1) the county in which the town is located; or (2) a county that is contiguous to the county in which the town is located; if the member resided within a noncontiguous county on July 1, 2008.

Effective: July 1, 2008.

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Steuerwald**

January 8, 2008, read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government.
January 24, 2008, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2007 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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HOUSE BILL No. 1114



A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 36-8-4-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008]: Sec. 2. (a) ~~Except as provided in~~
- 3 ~~subsections (c) and (d);~~ Members of the police and fire departments
- 4 must reside in Indiana ~~in one (1) of the following areas:~~ **within:**
- 5 (1) ~~Within~~ the county in which the city ~~town;~~ or township is
- 6 located; or
- 7 (2) ~~In~~ a county that is contiguous to the county in which the city
- 8 ~~town;~~ or ~~township~~ is located.
- 9 (b) In a consolidated city, a member who was residing outside the
- 10 county on January 1, 1975, is exempt from subsection (a).
- 11 (c) A **municipality city** with a population of less than seven
- 12 thousand five hundred (7,500) may adopt an ordinance that requires a
- 13 member of the ~~municipality's~~ **city's** police or fire department to comply
- 14 with the following:
- 15 (1) Reside within the county in which the **municipality city** is
- 16 located.
- 17 (2) Have adequate means of transportation into the ~~municipality.~~

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- 1 **city.**
- 2 (3) Maintain in the member's residence telephone service with the
- 3 municipality: **city.**
- 4 (d) This subsection applies to a ~~municipality~~ **city** that:
- 5 (1) has a population of less than seven thousand five hundred
- 6 (7,500); and
- 7 (2) adopted an ordinance to establish the requirements described
- 8 in this subsection before September 1, 1984.

9 A ~~municipality~~ **city** may require, in addition to the requirements of
 10 subsection (c), that a member of the police or fire department reside
 11 within the ~~municipality~~ **city** until the member has served in the
 12 department for five (5) years.

13 (e) An ordinance adopted under subsection (c) or described in
 14 subsection (d)(2) may not require a member of a ~~municipality's~~ **city's**
 15 police or fire department to reside within the county in which the
 16 ~~municipality~~ **city** is located if the member resides outside the county on
 17 the date the ordinance is adopted.

18 SECTION 2. IC 36-8-4.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 19 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 20 JULY 1, 2008]:

21 **Chapter 4.5. Town Police and Fire Employment Policies**

22 **Sec. 1. This chapter applies to the following:**

- 23 (1) A member of a town police department under IC 36-5-7 or
- 24 IC 36-8-9.
- 25 (2) A member of a town fire department.

26 **Sec. 2. A member of a town police or fire department must**
 27 **reside in Indiana within:**

- 28 (1) the county in which the town is located; or
- 29 (2) a county that is contiguous to the county in which the town
- 30 is located.

31 **Sec. 3. A town with a population of less than seven thousand five**
 32 **hundred (7,500) may adopt an ordinance that requires a member**
 33 **of the town police or fire department to satisfy all of the following:**

- 34 (1) Reside within:
 - 35 (A) the county in which the town is located; or
 - 36 (B) a distance from the town stated in the ordinance.
- 37 (2) Have adequate means of transportation into the town.
- 38 (3) Maintain in the member's residence telephone service with
- 39 the town.

40 **Sec. 4. This section applies to a town that:**

- 41 (1) has a population of less than seven thousand five hundred
- 42 (7,500); and

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1 **(2) adopted an ordinance to establish the requirements**
 2 **described in this section before September 1, 1984.**
 3 **A town may require, in addition to the requirements of section 3 of**
 4 **this chapter, that a member of the police or fire department reside**
 5 **within the town until the member has served in the department for**
 6 **five (5) years.**

7 **Sec. 5. An ordinance adopted under section 3 or 4 of this chapter**
 8 **may not require a member of a town police or fire department to**
 9 **comply with section 3(1) of this chapter if the member resides:**

- 10 **(1) outside the county; or**
 - 11 **(2) a distance outside the town greater than stated in the**
 12 **ordinance;**
- 13 **on the date the ordinance is adopted.**

14 **Sec. 6. Notwithstanding any other law, a member appointed to**
 15 **a town police department under IC 36-5-7 or IC 36-8-9 before July**
 16 **1, 2008, may not be required to reside within:**

- 17 **(1) the county in which the town is located; or**
- 18 **(2) a county that is contiguous to the county in which the town**
 19 **is located;**

20 **if the member resided within a county that is noncontiguous to the**
 21 **county in which the town is located on July 1, 2008.**

22 **SECTION 3. IC 36-8-9-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS**
 23 **[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008]: Sec. 4. (a) The board may appoint,**
 24 **subject to the qualifications for employment determined by the board**
 25 **and approved by the town legislative body, as many persons as**
 26 **necessary to serve in the police department of the town. One (1) person**
 27 **shall be appointed to serve as the police chief. The board may also**
 28 **appoint other employees that are necessary to carry on the work of the**
 29 **police department.**

30 **(b) The board may recommend and the town legislative body shall**
 31 **determine the compensation to be paid to members of the police**
 32 **department in amounts that are just and reasonable.**

33 **(c) All persons appointed must be of good moral character and serve**
 34 **only during good behavior. The board constitutes the safety board of**
 35 **the town for purposes of the suspension, demotion, or dismissal of any**
 36 **member of the police department. Proceedings for the suspension,**
 37 **demotion, or dismissal of any member of the police department shall**
 38 **be conducted in the manner prescribed by IC 36-8-3-4. The disciplinary**
 39 **provisions of IC 36-8-3-4.1 also apply to the safety board and the**
 40 **police chief.**

41 **(d) The board may make general and special rules for the**
 42 **government and discipline of the police department and may make**

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1 special and general orders to the department through the police chief,
2 who is the executive head of the department.

3 (e) Members of the police department must:

- 4 (1) reside within the county in which the town is located;
- 5 (2) reside within fifteen (15) miles of the corporate boundaries of
- 6 the town;
- 7 (3) have adequate means of transportation into the town; and
- 8 (4) maintain in their residence telephone service with the town.

9 SECTION 4. IC 36-8-13-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
10 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
11 1, 2008]: **Sec. 10. (a) A member of a township fire department must**
12 **reside in Indiana within:**

- 13 (1) the county in which the township is located; or
- 14 (2) a county that is contiguous to the county in which the
- 15 township is located.

16 (b) A township with a population of less than seven thousand
17 five hundred (7,500) may adopt a resolution that requires a
18 member of the township fire department to satisfy all of the
19 following:

- 20 (1) Reside within:
 - 21 (A) the county in which the township is located; or
 - 22 (B) a distance from the township stated in the resolution.
- 23 (2) Have adequate means of transportation into the township.
- 24 (3) Maintain in the member's residence telephone service with
- 25 the township.

26 (c) This subsection applies to a township that:

- 27 (1) has a population of less than seven thousand five hundred
- 28 (7,500); and
- 29 (2) adopted a resolution to establish the requirements
- 30 described in this subsection before September 1, 1984.

31 A township may require, in addition to the requirements of
32 subsection (b), that a member of the fire department reside within
33 the township until the member has served in the department for
34 five (5) years.

35 (d) A resolution adopted under subsection (b) or (c) may not
36 require a member of a township fire department to comply with
37 subsection (b)(1) if the member resides:

- 38 (1) outside the county; or
- 39 (2) a distance outside the township greater than stated in the
- 40 resolution;

41 on the date the resolution is adopted.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Local Government, to which was referred House Bill 1114, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 1 through 17, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 1. IC 36-8-4-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008]: Sec. 2. (a) ~~Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d);~~ Members of the police and fire departments must reside in Indiana ~~in one (1) of the following areas:~~ **within:**

- (1) ~~Within~~ the county in which the city ~~town, or township~~ is located; or
- (2) ~~In~~ a county that is contiguous to the county in which the city ~~town, or township~~ is located.

(b) In a consolidated city, a member who was residing outside the county on January 1, 1975, is exempt from subsection (a).

(c) A ~~municipality~~ **city** with a population of less than seven thousand five hundred (7,500) may adopt an ordinance that requires a member of the ~~municipality's~~ **city's** police or fire department to comply with the following:

- (1) Reside within the county in which the ~~municipality~~ **city** is located.
- (2) Have adequate means of transportation into the ~~municipality~~ **city**.
- (3) Maintain in the member's residence telephone service with the ~~municipality~~ **city**.

(d) This subsection applies to a ~~municipality~~ **city** that:

- (1) has a population of less than seven thousand five hundred (7,500); and
- (2) adopted an ordinance to establish the requirements described in this subsection before September 1, 1984.

A ~~municipality~~ **city** may require, in addition to the requirements of subsection (c), that a member of the police or fire department reside within the ~~municipality~~ **city** until the member has served in the department for five (5) years.

(e) An ordinance adopted under subsection (c) or described in subsection (d)(2) may not require a member of a ~~municipality's~~ **city's** police or fire department to reside within the county in which the ~~municipality~~ **city** is located if the member resides outside the county on the date the ordinance is adopted.

SECTION 2. IC 36-8-4.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE

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Sec. 1. This chapter applies to the following:

- (1) A member of a town police department under IC 36-5-7 or IC 36-8-9.
- (2) A member of a town fire department.

Sec. 2. A member of a town police or fire department must reside in Indiana within:

- (1) the county in which the town is located; or
- (2) a county that is contiguous to the county in which the town is located.

Sec. 3. A town with a population of less than seven thousand five hundred (7,500) may adopt an ordinance that requires a member of the town police or fire department to satisfy all of the following:

- (1) Reside within:
 - (A) the county in which the town is located; or
 - (B) a distance from the town stated in the ordinance.
- (2) Have adequate means of transportation into the town.
- (3) Maintain in the member's residence telephone service with the town.

Sec. 4. This section applies to a town that:

- (1) has a population of less than seven thousand five hundred (7,500); and
- (2) adopted an ordinance to establish the requirements described in this section before September 1, 1984.

A town may require, in addition to the requirements of section 3 of this chapter, that a member of the police or fire department reside within the town until the member has served in the department for five (5) years.

Sec. 5. An ordinance adopted under section 3 or 4 of this chapter may not require a member of a town police or fire department to comply with section 3(1) of this chapter if the member resides:

- (1) outside the county; or
- (2) a distance outside the town greater than stated in the ordinance;

on the date the ordinance is adopted.

Sec. 6. Notwithstanding any other law, a member appointed to a town police department under IC 36-5-7 or IC 36-8-9 before July 1, 2008, may not be required to reside within:

- (1) the county in which the town is located; or
- (2) a county that is contiguous to the county in which the town

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is located;
if the member resided within a county that is noncontiguous to the county in which the town is located on July 1, 2008."

Page 2, delete lines 1 through 16.

Page 3, delete lines 4 through 22, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 4. IC 36-8-13-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008]: **Sec. 10. (a) A member of a township fire department must reside in Indiana within:**

- (1) the county in which the township is located; or
- (2) a county that is contiguous to the county in which the township is located.

(b) A township with a population of less than seven thousand five hundred (7,500) may adopt a resolution that requires a member of the township fire department to satisfy all of the following:

- (1) Reside within:
 - (A) the county in which the township is located; or
 - (B) a distance from the township stated in the resolution.
- (2) Have adequate means of transportation into the township.
- (3) Maintain in the member's residence telephone service with the township.

(c) This subsection applies to a township that:

- (1) has a population of less than seven thousand five hundred (7,500); and
- (2) adopted a resolution to establish the requirements described in this subsection before September 1, 1984.

A township may require, in addition to the requirements of subsection (b), that a member of the fire department reside within the township until the member has served in the department for five (5) years.

(d) A resolution adopted under subsection (b) or (c) may not require a member of a township fire department to comply with subsection (b)(1) if the member resides:

- (1) outside the county; or
- (2) a distance outside the township greater than stated in the resolution;

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on the date the resolution is adopted."

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1114 as introduced.)

SMITH V, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 10, nays 0.

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