

HB 1482 -- Police Officer Residency Requirements

Sponsor: Portwood

This bill prohibits the City of St. Louis from requiring police officers with at least seven years experience to reside in the city. The seven years of employment as a police officer must be consecutive, but may include part-time employment. The bill also prohibits the city from discriminating against any nonresident peace officer. The city may require a peace officer to reside in Missouri as a condition of employment. The city may provide incentives, such as housing supplements or vehicle-use guidelines, to encourage peace officers to reside in the city, but may not authorize the use of department property as an incentive.