

HB 1057 -- PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL

SPONSOR: Roden

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 12 to 1.

This bill prohibits fire departments, fire protection districts, ambulance districts, and law enforcement agencies from requiring non-salaried employees to live within the fire department's geographical jurisdiction, the fire protection district, the ambulance district, or a jurisdiction more specific than the state, respectively.

Counties are prohibited from requiring attendance at a specific training academy by candidates for firefighter positions but are allowed to require a specific certification from any training academy.

Members of the board of directors of fire protection districts and ambulance districts only can receive compensation for meetings actually attended. If more than one meeting occurs on the same day, board members only can receive compensation for one meeting.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill gives public safety entities more flexibility in hiring. Requiring training from one specific county only is ludicrous.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Roden.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.