

HCS HB 427 -- LAW ENFORCEMENT (Helms)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Judiciary

Currently, commissioned and civilian personnel of the St. Louis City police department are subject to a residency requirement of retaining a primary residence in St. Louis City for a total of seven years before being allowed to maintain a primary residence outside the city but within a one-hour response time. This bill changes the requirement to five years.

The bill modifies various provisions regarding municipal courts and fines collected in minor traffic and municipal ordinance violation cases.

This bill repeals provisions stating that failure to appear procedures in a moving traffic violation case, which include driving license suspension, shall not apply to minor traffic violations.

The terms "annual general operating revenue," "minor traffic violation," and "municipal ordinance violation," as applied in provisions regarding the assessment of fines in minor traffic violations and municipal ordinance violation cases, are modified.

This bill specifies that if a defendant charged with a minor traffic violation or municipal ordinance violation fails to appear and the court finds there is not good cause for failing to appear, the current limitations regarding fines and confinement shall not apply. The court may issue a *capias* if a person fails to appear at a scheduled court appearance but only if personal notification has been given in open court or by personal summons.

The bill modifies the procedures to be adopted and certified by each municipal court by allowing a municipal court to charge up to \$25 for a background check when using a community service alternative.