

HB 1604 -- RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS (Hicks)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Judiciary

This bill amends the restriction that commissioned and civilian personnel who were previously employed by the Board of Police Commissioners be required, throughout their employment for the City of St. Louis, to retain a primary residence in the City of St. Louis for a total of seven years before being permitted to maintain a residence outside the City of St. Louis as long as the residence is located within a one-hour response time. This bill specifies that, commissioned and civilian personnel who are employed by a municipal police force will not be subject to a residency restriction so long as the employee's primary residence is located within a one-hour response time. The bill also specifies that no city, village, town, county, township, or board of police or of police commissioners may require current or prospective law enforcement officers to reside within any jurisdictional limit but may require such current or prospective officers to reside within a one-hour response time. These provisions will not apply to the Missouri Highway Patrol.

Additionally, all St. Louis City employees will not be required to reside within city limits.