

HB 2237 -- RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

SPONSOR: Brown (149)

The bill provides that, for a city of the fourth classification with no more than 2,000 inhabitants, if a statute or ordinance authorizes the mayor to appoint a member of a local board or commission, any requirement that the appointed person be a resident of the city will be deemed satisfied if the person owns real property or a business in the city, regardless of whether the position to which the appointment is made is considered an officer of the city.

The bill also provides that, for a city of the fourth classification with no more than 2,000 inhabitants, if a statute or ordinance authorizes the mayor to appoint a member of a board that manages a municipal utility, any requirement that the appointed person be a resident of the city will be deemed satisfied only if the following conditions are met:

- (1) The board has no authority to set utility rates or to issue bonds;
- (2) The person resides within five miles of the city limits;
- (3) The person owns real property or a business in the city;
- (4) The person or the person's business is a customer of a public utility, as described under Section 91.450, RSMo managed by the board; and
- (5) The person has no pecuniary interest in, and is not a board member of, any utility company that offers the same type of service as a utility managed by the board.

This bill is the similar to HB 516 (2023).