

HOUSE BILL No. 1301

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 10-17-1-9.

Synopsis: Local veteran service officers. Provides that a county or city service officer must: (1) be an honorably discharged veteran who has at least six months of active service in the armed forces of the United States; and (2) have resided in Indiana for at least six months before the service officer's start date. (Current law permits a county or city service officer to have experience as a service officer assistant in lieu of being an honorably discharged veteran and permits nonresidents of Indiana to be hired upon the condition of establishing residence in Indiana within six months.)

Effective: July 1, 2022.

May

January 11, 2022, read first time and referred to Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety.



Second Regular Session of the 122nd General Assembly (2022)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2021 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning public safety.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 10-17-1-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.42-2020,
2 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 9. (a) A county executive:
4 (1) shall designate and may:
5 (A) appoint a county service officer for a four (4) year term; or
6 (B) employ a county service officer; and
7 (2) may employ service officer assistants;
8 to serve the veterans of the county.
9 (b) The mayor of a city may employ a service officer and may
10 employ service officer assistants to serve the veterans of the city.
11 (c) If the remuneration and expenses of a county or city service
12 officer are paid from the funds of the county or city employing the
13 service officer, the service officer shall:
14 (1) be
15 (~~A~~) an honorably discharged veteran who has at least six (6)
16 months of active service in the armed forces of the United
17 States; ~~or~~



- 1 ~~(B)~~ a service officer assistant with not less than two ~~(2)~~ years
2 of experience;
3 (2) be a resident of Indiana ~~or become a resident of Indiana not~~
4 **more than for at least** six (6) months ~~after before~~ the service
5 officer's start date; and
6 (3) serve under the supervision of the director of veterans' affairs.
7 (d) A service officer assistant must be a resident of Indiana or
8 become a resident of Indiana not later than six (6) months after the
9 service officer assistant's start date and
10 ~~(1)~~ satisfy the requirements specified in subsection (c)(1). ~~or~~
11 ~~(2) be the spouse, surviving spouse, parent, or child of a person~~
12 **who satisfies the requirements specified in subsection (c)(1):**
13 (e) A rule **imposing employment requirements on service officers**
14 **and service officer assistants that is** contrary to subsection (c) or (d)
15 is void.
16 (f) County and city fiscal bodies may appropriate funds necessary
17 for the purposes described in this section.

