

## SENATE BILL No. 220

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### 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.

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January 6, 2022, read first time and referred to Committee on Veterans Affairs and The Military.

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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.

