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## SENATE BILL No. 469

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DIGEST OF SB 469 (Updated January 31, 2023 11:01 am - DI 140)

**Citations Affected:** IC 10-17.

**Synopsis:** County or city service officers. Provides that a county executive or mayor of a city may waive certain active duty or residency requirements for a service officer if the unit is unable to find a candidate that meets those requirements.

**Effective:** July 1, 2023.

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January 19, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Veterans Affairs and The Military.  
January 31, 2023, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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First Regular Session of the 123rd General Assembly (2023)

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 2022 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, 2023]: 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, **except as provided in subsection (e)**, the service  
14 officer shall:  
15 (1) be:  
16 (A) an honorably discharged veteran who has at least six (6)  
17 months of active service in the armed forces of the United

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- 1 States; or
- 2 (B) a service officer assistant with not less than two (2) years
- 3 of experience;
- 4 (2) be a resident of Indiana or become a resident of Indiana not
- 5 more than six (6) months after the service 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 county executive or, if applicable, a mayor of a city may**
- 14 **waive the requirements described subsection (c)(1) or (c)(2) if the**
- 15 **county executive or, if applicable, the mayor of a city is unable to**
- 16 **find a candidate to fill a service officer position. However, the**
- 17 **county executive or mayor may only waive the requirements**
- 18 **described in subsection (c)(1) or (c)(2) after the county executive or**
- 19 **mayor confers with:**
- 20 **(1) the department of veterans' affairs; and**
- 21 **(2) one (1) or more local veterans organizations;**
- 22 **to find a local candidate and determines that a suitable candidate**
- 23 **that meets the requirements described in subsection (c)(1) or (c)(2)**
- 24 **is not available for the position.**
- 25 ~~(e)~~ **(f)** A rule contrary to subsection (c), ~~or~~ (d), **or** (e) is void.
- 26 ~~(f)~~ **(g)** County and city fiscal bodies may appropriate funds
- 27 necessary for the purposes described in this section.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs and The Military, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 469, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is to SB 469 as introduced.)

TOMES, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0

