

HOUSE BILL No. 1273

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

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

Synopsis: Local veteran service officers. Provides that a county or city service officer hired after June 30, 2022, 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 two years before submitting an application for employment as a county or city service officer. (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.) Makes conforming changes to the employment requirements for service officer assistants hired after June 30, 2022.

Effective: July 1, 2022.

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January 10, 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) **This subsection applies to a county or city service officer**
12 **hired before July 1, 2022.** If the remuneration and expenses of a
13 county or city service officer are paid from the funds of the county or
14 city employing the service officer, the service 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



- 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) This subsection applies to a county or city service officer**
 8 **hired after June 30, 2022. If the remuneration and expenses of a**
 9 **county or city service officer are paid from the funds of the county**
 10 **or city employing the service officer, the service officer:**
- 11 (1) must be an honorably discharged veteran who has at least
 12 six (6) months of active service in the armed forces of the
 13 United States;
 14 (2) must have resided in Indiana for at least two (2) years
 15 before submitting an application for employment as a county
 16 or city service officer; and
 17 (3) serves under the supervision of the director of veterans'
 18 affairs.
- 19 ~~(e)~~ **(e) This subsection applies to a service officer assistant hired**
 20 **before July 1, 2022.** A service officer assistant must be a resident of
 21 Indiana or become a resident of Indiana not later than six (6) months
 22 after the service officer assistant's start date and:
- 23 (1) satisfy the requirements specified in subsection (c)(1); or
 24 (2) be the spouse, surviving spouse, parent, or child of a person
 25 who satisfies the requirements specified in subsection (c)(1).
- 26 **(f) This subsection applies to a service officer assistant hired**
 27 **after June 30, 2022. A service officer assistant must be a resident**
 28 **of Indiana or become a resident of Indiana not later than six (6)**
 29 **months after the service officer assistant's start date and:**
- 30 (1) satisfy the requirements specified in subsection (d)(1); or
 31 (2) be the spouse, surviving spouse, parent, or child of a
 32 person who satisfies the requirements specified in subsection
 33 (d)(1).
- 34 ~~(e)~~ **(g) A rule imposing employment requirements on service**
 35 **officers and service officer assistants that is contrary to subsection**
 36 **~~(e)~~ or ~~(d)~~ this section is void.**
- 37 ~~(f)~~ **(h) County and city fiscal bodies may appropriate funds**
 38 **necessary for the purposes described in this section.**

