

**MUNICIPALITIES (53 PA.C.S.) - RESIDENCY DURING MILITARY SERVICE**

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AN ACT

Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, providing for residency during military service.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Title 53 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

**§ 1142. Residency during military service.**

(a) **General rule.**--A person's active military duty shall not disqualify the person from fulfilling a residency requirement imposed by a municipal code or charter as a qualification of elected office or to fill a vacancy of elected office.

(b) **Deemed residency.**--For purposes of subsection (a), a person who is a resident of a municipality for at least one year immediately prior to the person's absence due to active military duty shall be deemed to be an ongoing resident of the municipality unless and until the person demonstrates an intent to establish a new domicile outside of the municipality.

(c) **Definition.**--As used in this section, the term "active military duty" shall include active service in any of the armed forces of the United States, including a National Guard or reserve component.

Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED--The 30th day of October, A.D. 2017.

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