
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 527 Session of
2007

INTRODUCED BY ORIE, LOGAN, TARTAGLIONE, STACK, WOZNIAK AND
RAFFERTY, MARCH 19, 2007

REFERRED TO LAW AND JUSTICE, MARCH 19, 2007

AN ACT

1 Providing for law enforcement officer residency requirements.

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

4 Section 1. Short title.

5 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Law
6 Enforcement Officer Residency Act.

7 Section 2. Definitions.

8 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
9 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
10 context clearly indicates otherwise:

11 "Law enforcement officer." A person employed by a
12 municipality to provide law enforcement services on behalf of
13 the municipality. The term includes a person employed to provide
14 law enforcement services for a regional police force in this
15 Commonwealth.

16 "Municipality." A city, borough, township or municipal
17 authority in this Commonwealth.

1 Section 3. Residency requirements.

2 (a) Municipal residency.--Notwithstanding any other
3 provision of law to the contrary, no municipality may require
4 its law enforcement officers to be residents of the municipality
5 in order to serve in the capacity of a law enforcement officer.

6 (b) Commonwealth residency.--A municipality may require its
7 law enforcement officers to be residents of this Commonwealth.

8 (c) United States citizenship.--This act shall not be
9 construed to affect any law that requires law enforcement
10 officers of a municipality to be citizens of the United States
11 or that imposes eligibility requirements other than residency
12 for law enforcement officers.

13 Section 4. Applicability.

14 This act shall not be construed to conflict with any existing
15 collective bargaining agreement. This act shall apply to any
16 collective bargaining agreement executed after the effective
17 date of this act.

18 Section 5. Effective date.

19 This act shall take effect in 60 days.