

As Introduced

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A BILL

To enact section 9.481 of the Revised Code to 1
generally prohibit political subdivisions from 2
imposing residency requirements on certain 3
employees. 4

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 9.481 of the Revised Code be enacted 5
to read as follows: 6

Sec. 9.481. (A) As used in this section: 7

(1) "Political subdivision" has the same meaning as in 8
section 2743.01 of the Revised Code. 9

(2) "Volunteer" means a person who is not paid for service or 10
who is employed on less than a permanent full-time basis. 11

(B)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B)(2) of 12
this section, no political subdivision shall require any of its 13
employees, as a condition of employment, to reside in any specific 14
area of the state. 15

(2)(a) Division (B)(1) of this section does not apply to a 16
volunteer. 17

(b) To ensure adequate response times by certain employees of 18
political subdivisions to emergencies or disasters while ensuring 19

that those employees generally are free to reside throughout the 20
state, the electors of any political subdivision may file an 21
initiative petition to submit a local law to the electorate, or 22
the legislative authority of the political subdivision may adopt 23
an ordinance or resolution, that requires any individual employed 24
by that political subdivision, as a condition of employment, to 25
reside either in the county where the political subdivision is 26
located or in any adjacent county in this state. For the purposes 27
of this section, an initiative petition shall be filed and 28
considered as provided in sections 731.28 and 731.31 of the 29
Revised Code, except that the fiscal officer of the political 30
subdivision shall take the actions prescribed for the auditor or 31
clerk if the political subdivision has no auditor or clerk, and 32
except that references to a municipal corporation shall be 33
considered to be references to the applicable political 34
subdivision. 35