



www.lsc.ohio.gov

OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Office of Research
and Drafting

Legislative Budget
Office

H.B. 720
133rd General Assembly

Bill Analysis

Version: As Introduced

Primary Sponsors: Reps. Ingram and Hicks-Hudson

Alyssa Bethel, Attorney

SUMMARY

- Allows a municipal corporation to require its fire chief or chief of police to reside within the municipal corporation during the chief's first five years.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Municipal police and fire chief residency

The bill allows the legislative authority of a municipal corporation to require an individual who serves as fire chief or as chief of police of the municipal corporation to reside within the boundaries of the municipal corporation during the individual's first five years serving as chief. The individual has six months after the individual begins serving as chief to become a resident of the municipal corporation. Under current law, a municipal corporation cannot require its employees to reside within the municipal corporation, but can require employees to live within the county where the municipal corporation is located.¹

HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	07-01-20

H0720-I-133

¹ R.C. 9.481. See also 9.61, 737.08, and 737.22. R.C. 9.481 was challenged as a violation of the Home Rule Amendment to the Ohio Constitution (Article XVIII, Section 3), but the Ohio Supreme Court upheld the provision; see *City of Lima v. State*, 122 Ohio St.3d 155 (2009).