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## **SENATE RESOLUTION No. 46**

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### **DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION**

A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the legislative council to assign to the appropriate study committee the topic of residency requirements of police officers and firefighters in city, town, township, and county police and fire departments.

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March 1, 2018, read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1       A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the legislative council  
2       to assign to the appropriate study committee the topic of  
3       residency requirements of police officers and firefighters in city,  
4       town, township, and county police and fire departments.

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6       *Whereas, Many Indiana communities, including border*  
7       *communities need additional candidates to serve in their police*  
8       *and fire departments;*

9       *Whereas, Current Indiana law requires members of police*  
10      *and fire departments to reside in the state of Indiana and within*  
11      *the county or a contiguous county to the city in which the*  
12      *department is located;*

13      *Whereas, Thirty-six Indiana counties border other states*  
14      *and have individuals residing across the state line that desire*  
15      *to work for Indiana police and fire departments, but are*  
16      *reluctant to do so due to residency requirements;*

17      *Whereas, Border police and fire departments are required*  
18      *to deny employment to highly qualified individuals living across*  
19      *state lines but may consider individuals residing within a*  
20      *contiguous county with commutes exceeding that of individuals*



1     *residing across state lines; and*

2             *Whereas, Border police and fire departments may be able*  
3     *to obtain higher recruitment rates, additional members, and*  
4     *higher qualified individuals if they have the ability to hire from*  
5     *outside the state of Indiana: Therefore,*

6                     Be it resolved by the Senate of the  
7                     General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

8             SECTION 1. That the legislative council is urged to assign to the  
9     appropriate study committee the topic of residency requirements of  
10    police officers and firefighters in cities, towns, townships, and county  
11    police and fire departments.

