
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY HARPER, ROSS, M. DALEY, GINGRICH AND FREEMAN,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, JUNE 20, 2016

AN ACT

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

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

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

8 § 1142. Residency during military service.

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

13 (b) Deemed residency.--For purposes of subsection (a), a
14 person who is a resident of a municipality immediately prior to
15 his or her absence due to active military duty shall be deemed
16 to be an ongoing resident of the municipality unless and until
17 the person demonstrates his or her intent to establish a new
18 domicile outside of the municipality.

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

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