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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

HOUSE FILE 58  
BY MURPHY

Passed House, Date \_\_\_\_\_ Passed Senate, Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_  
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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to residency restrictions for municipal  
2 employees.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 400.17, unnumbered paragraph 3, Code  
2 1995, is amended to read as follows:

3 Employees shall not be required to be a resident of the  
4 city in which they are employed, but they shall become a  
5 resident of the state at the time such appointment or  
6 employment begins and shall remain a resident of the state  
7 during employment. Cities may set reasonable maximum  
8 distances of not less than twenty-five miles outside of the  
9 corporate limits of the city that police officers, fire  
10 fighters, and other critical municipal employees may live.

11 EXPLANATION

12 This bill provides that cities shall not set distance  
13 restrictions on the residency of the cities' police officers,  
14 fire fighters, and other critical municipal employees of less  
15 than 25 miles outside the city limits. Current law requires  
16 only that any distance restrictions be reasonable. The  
17 restriction that such employees become and remain a resident  
18 of the state during employment remains in effect under the  
19 bill.

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