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H.B. No. 674

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to permitting a residency requirement for police officers  
in certain municipalities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 150.021(b), Local Government Code, is  
amended to read as follows:

(b) The prohibition under Subsection (a) does not apply to  
residency requirements for:

(1) candidates for or holders of a municipal office,  
including a position on the governing body of the municipality;  
~~or~~

(2) municipal department heads appointed by the mayor  
or governing body of the municipality; or

(3) peace officers as defined by Article 2.12, Code of  
Criminal Procedure, or other law, employed by a municipality with a  
population of two million or more.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
Act takes effect September 1, 2015.