

By: Lucio

S.B. No. 1958

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the residency requirements for hunting and fishing  
3 licenses.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 42.001, Parks and Wildlife Code, is  
6 amended by amending Subdivision (1) and adding Subdivision (9) to  
7 read as follows:

8 (1) "Resident" means:

9 (A) an individual who has resided continuously in  
10 this state for more than six months immediately before applying for  
11 a hunting license;

12 (B) a member of the United States armed forces on  
13 active duty;

14 (C) a dependent of a member of the United States  
15 armed forces on active duty;

16 (D) if approved by the director, a terminally ill  
17 individual who is participating in an event sponsored by a  
18 charitable nonprofit organization;

19 (E) a seasonal resident; or

20 (F) [~~(E)~~] a member of any other category of  
21 individuals that the commission by regulation designates as  
22 residents.

23 (9) "Seasonal resident" means an individual who  
24 resides in this state for not less than 90 days in a calendar year.

1 SECTION 2. Section 46.0011, Parks and Wildlife Code, is  
2 amended by amending Subdivision (1) and adding Subdivision (3) to  
3 read as follows:

4 (1) "Resident" means:

5 (A) an individual who has resided continuously in  
6 this state for more than six months immediately before applying for  
7 a fishing license required by this chapter;

8 (B) a member of the United States armed forces on  
9 active duty;

10 (C) a dependent of a member of the United States  
11 armed forces on active duty;

12 (D) a seasonal resident; or

13 (E) [~~(D)~~] a member of any other category of  
14 individuals that the commission by regulation designates as  
15 residents.

16 (3) "Seasonal resident" means an individual who  
17 resides in this state for not less than 90 days in a calendar year.

18 SECTION 3. Section 50.0011, Parks and Wildlife Code, is  
19 amended to read as follows:

20 Sec. 50.0011. DEFINITIONS [~~DEFINITION~~]. In this chapter:

21 (1) "Resident" [~~"resident"~~] means:

22 (A) [~~(1)~~] an individual who has resided  
23 continuously in this state for more than six months immediately  
24 before applying for a license issued under this chapter;

25 (B) [~~(2)~~] a member of the United States armed  
26 forces on active duty;

27 (C) [~~(3)~~] a dependent of a member of the United

1 States armed forces on active duty;

2 (D) a seasonal resident; or

3 (E) [~~(4)~~] a member of any other category of  
4 individuals that the commission by regulation designates as  
5 residents.

6 (2) "Seasonal resident" means an individual who  
7 resides in this state for not less than 90 days in a calendar year.

8 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.