

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Description authorizing limited residency requirements for a city or village operating under the city manager plan					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, a 2nd, 3rd, and 4th class city, as well as certain villages, may choose to operate under the city manager form of government. The common council or village board members are elected, and under this system, hire the city manager who oversees the executive side of city government for an indefinite term. The selection of a city manager must be based purely on merit, and the members of the council must give due regard for a candidate's training, experience, and executive and administrative abilities. Currently, residency in the city or state in which they would serve may not be a qualification for the office. Certain exceptions to the prohibition on residency requirements currently exist for firefighters, police officers, paramedics, and other emergency personnel.

Under the proposed legislation, a city or village that operates under a city manager system may impose residency requirements on the city manager as a qualification of the office. The residency requirement applies to an individual who is hired as a city manager on the bill's effective date. Under the proposed legislation, a city or village is not required to enact residency requirements.

Since it is not possible to determine which cities or villages will enact the city manager residency requirement and the terms and conditions of employment of future city managers, the fiscal impact is indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications