

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **79th General Assembly**  
3 **Regular Session, 1993**

# **A Bill**

**HOUSE BILL 1457**

4 **By: Representatives Brown, Walker, and Townsend**

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## **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT AS OF JANUARY 1, 1995, ALL MEMBERS  
9 OF THE STATE POLICE MUST RESIDE WITHIN ARKANSAS, ALL  
10 DEPUTY SHERIFFS MUST RESIDE WITHIN THE COUNTY WHEREIN THEY  
11 ARE EMPLOYED, AND ALL *FIRST CLASS* CITY POLICE OFFICERS  
12 MUST LIVE WITHIN THE CITY WHEREIN THEY ARE EMPLOYED; AND  
13 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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## **Subtitle**

16 "PERTAINING TO RESIDENCY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS."

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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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20 SECTION 1. As of January 1, 1995, every law enforcement officer  
21 employee of the Department of Arkansas State Police must be a resident of this  
22 state, every deputy sheriff must be a resident of the county which employs  
23 him, and every municipal police officer must be a resident of the city which  
24 employs him. The Department of Arkansas State Police shall not hereafter  
25 employ any person to act as law enforcement of the Department unless the  
26 person is a resident of this state, nor shall any sheriff appoint any deputy  
27 sheriff who is not a resident of the county which employs him, and no  
28 municipality may employ any person to act as a police officer unless the  
29 person resides within the city.

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31 SECTION 2. *Any state trooper who, on the effective date of this act,*  
32 *resides outside the state and who resides in a residence owned by the state*  
33 *trooper or for which the state trooper has entered into a contract to*  
34 *purchase, may continue as a non-resident state trooper as long as the state*  
35 *trooper resides in that residence. Upon moving from that residence, the state*

1 trooper must reside within the state within one hundred twenty (120) days  
2 after vacating the existing residence. Any non-resident state trooper who  
3 resides in a rented abode outside this state on the effective date of this act  
4 must become an Arkansas resident no later than December 31, 1995.

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6 SECTION 3. Any deputy sheriff who, on the effective date of this act,  
7 resides outside the county of employment and who resides in a residence owned  
8 by the deputy or for which the deputy has entered into a contract to purchase,  
9 may continue as a deputy sheriff as long as the deputy resides in that  
10 residence. Upon moving from that residence the deputy must reside within the  
11 county of employment within one hundred twenty (120) days after vacating the  
12 existing residence. Any non-resident deputy sheriff who resides in a rented  
13 abode outside the county of employment, on the effective date of this act must  
14 become a resident of the county no later than December 31, 1995.

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16 SECTION 4. Any first class city police officer who, on the effective  
17 date of this act, resides outside the city of employment and who resides in a  
18 residence owned by the police officer or for which the police officer has  
19 entered into a contract to purchase, may continue as a non-resident police  
20 officer as long as the police officer resides in that residence. Upon moving  
21 from that residence the police officer must reside within the city of  
22 employment within one hundred twenty (120) days after vacating the existing  
23 residence. Any non-resident first class city police officer who resides in a  
24 rented abode outside the city on the effective date of this act must become a  
25 resident of the city of employment no later than December 31, 1995.

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27 SECTION 5. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
28 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
29 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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31 SECTION 6. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
32 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
33 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
34 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
35 act are declared to be severable.

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SECTION 7. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

*/s/Irma Hunter Brown, et al*

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