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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

To repeal section 321.130, RSMo, relating to residency requirements for fire protection district directors, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the same subject.

AN ACT

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 321.130, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 321.130, to read as follows:

321.130. 1. A person, to be qualified to serve as a director, shall be a voter of the district at least two years [prior to his] **before the** election or appointment and be over the age of twenty-five years; except as provided in subsections 2 and 3 of this section. Nominations and declarations of candidacy shall be filed at the headquarters of the fire protection district by paying a ten dollar filing fee and filing a statement under oath that such person possesses the required qualifications.

2. In any fire protection district located in more than one county one of which is a first class county without a charter form of government having a population of more than one hundred ninety-eight thousand and not adjoining any other first class county or located wholly within a first class county as described herein, a resident shall have been a resident of the district for more than one year to be qualified to serve as a director.

3. In any fire protection district located in a county of the third or fourth classification, a person to be qualified to serve as a director shall be over the age of twenty-five years and shall be a voter of the [county in which the] district [is located] for more than two years [prior to his] **before the** election or appointment, except that for the first board of directors in such district, a person need only be a voter of the [county in which the] district [is located] for one year [prior

to his] **before the** election or appointment.

4. A person desiring to become a candidate for the first board of directors of the proposed district shall pay the sum of five dollars as a filing fee to the treasurer of the county and shall file with the election authority a statement under oath that [he] **such person** possesses all of the qualifications set out in this chapter for a director of a fire protection district. Thereafter, such candidate shall have [his] **the candidate's** name placed on the ballot as a candidate for director.

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