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100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal section 84.344, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to a residency requirement for personnel of certain municipal police forces.

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

Section A. Section 84.344, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 84.344, to read as follows:

84.344. 1. Notwithstanding any provisions of this chapter to the contrary, any city not within a county may establish a municipal police force on or after July 1, 2013, according to the procedures and requirements of this section. The purpose of these procedures and requirements is to provide for an orderly and appropriate transition in the governance of the police force and provide for an equitable employment transition for commissioned and civilian personnel.

2. Upon the establishment of a municipal police force by a city under sections 84.343 to 84.346, the board of police commissioners shall convey, assign, and otherwise transfer to the city title and ownership of all indebtedness and assets, including, but not limited to, all funds and real and personal property held in the name of or controlled by the board of police commissioners created under sections 84.010 to 84.340. The board of police commissioners shall execute all documents reasonably required to accomplish such transfer of ownership and obligations.

3. If the city establishes a municipal police force and completes the transfer described in subsection 2 of this section, the city shall provide the necessary funds for the maintenance of the municipal police force.

4. Before a city not within a county may establish a municipal police force under this section, the city shall adopt an ordinance accepting responsibility,

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

20 ownership, and liability as successor-in-interest for contractual obligations,
21 indebtedness, and other lawful obligations of the board of police commissioners
22 subject to the provisions of subsection 2 of section 84.345.

23 5. A city not within a county that establishes a municipal police force
24 shall initially employ, without a reduction in rank, salary, or benefits, all
25 commissioned and civilian personnel of the board of police commissioners created
26 under sections 84.010 to 84.340 that were employed by the board immediately
27 prior to the date the municipal police force was established. Such commissioned
28 personnel who previously were employed by the board may only be involuntarily
29 terminated by the city not within a county for cause. The city shall also recognize
30 all accrued years of service that such commissioned and civilian personnel had
31 with the board of police commissioners. Such personnel shall be entitled to the
32 same holidays, vacation, and sick leave they were entitled to as employees of the
33 board of police commissioners.

34 6. Commissioned and civilian personnel [who were previously] employed
35 by the board shall [continue to] **not** be subject, throughout their employment for
36 the city not within a county, to a residency [rule no more restrictive than a]
37 requirement of retaining a primary residence in a city not within a county [for a
38 total of seven years and of then allowing them to maintain a primary residence
39 outside the city not within a county] so long as the **primary** residence is located
40 within a one-hour response time.

41 7. The commissioned and civilian personnel who retire from service with
42 the board of police commissioners before the establishment of a municipal police
43 force under subsection 1 of this section shall continue to be entitled to the same
44 pension benefits provided under chapter 86 and the same benefits set forth in
45 subsection 5 of this section.

46 8. If the city not within a county elects to establish a municipal police
47 force under this section, the city shall establish a separate division for the
48 operation of its municipal police force. The civil service commission of the city
49 may adopt rules and regulations appropriate for the unique operation of a police
50 department. Such rules and regulations shall reserve exclusive authority over
51 the disciplinary process and procedures affecting commissioned officers to the
52 civil service commission; however, until such time as the city adopts such rules
53 and regulations, the commissioned personnel shall continue to be governed by the
54 board of police commissioner's rules and regulations in effect immediately prior
55 to the establishment of the municipal police force, with the police chief acting in

56 place of the board of police commissioners for purposes of applying the rules and
57 regulations. Unless otherwise provided for, existing civil service commission
58 rules and regulations governing the appeal of disciplinary decisions to the civil
59 service commission shall apply to all commissioned and civilian personnel. The
60 civil service commission's rules and regulations shall provide that records
61 prepared for disciplinary purposes shall be confidential, closed records available
62 solely to the civil service commission and those who possess authority to conduct
63 investigations regarding disciplinary matters pursuant to the civil service
64 commission's rules and regulations. A hearing officer shall be appointed by the
65 civil service commission to hear any such appeals that involve discipline resulting
66 in a suspension of greater than fifteen days, demotion, or termination, but the
67 civil service commission shall make the final findings of fact, conclusions of law,
68 and decision which shall be subject to any right of appeal under chapter 536.

69 9. A city not within a county that establishes and maintains a municipal
70 police force under this section:

71 (1) Shall provide or contract for life insurance coverage and for insurance
72 benefits providing health, medical, and disability coverage for commissioned and
73 civilian personnel of the municipal police force to the same extent as was
74 provided by the board of police commissioners under section 84.160;

75 (2) Shall provide or contract for medical and life insurance coverage for
76 any commissioned or civilian personnel who retired from service with the board
77 of police commissioners or who were employed by the board of police
78 commissioners and retire from the municipal police force of a city not within a
79 county to the same extent such medical and life insurance coverage was provided
80 by the board of police commissioners under section 84.160;

81 (3) Shall make available medical and life insurance coverage for purchase
82 to the spouses or dependents of commissioned and civilian personnel who retire
83 from service with the board of police commissioners or the municipal police force
84 and deceased commissioned and civilian personnel who receive pension benefits
85 under sections 86.200 to 86.366 at the rate that such dependent's or spouse's
86 coverage would cost under the appropriate plan if the deceased were living; and

87 (4) May pay an additional shift differential compensation to commissioned
88 and civilian personnel for evening and night tours of duty in an amount not to
89 exceed ten percent of the officer's base hourly rate.

90 10. A city not within a county that establishes a municipal police force
91 under sections 84.343 to 84.346 shall establish a transition committee of five

92 members for the purpose of: coordinating and implementing the transition of
93 authority, operations, assets, and obligations from the board of police
94 commissioners to the city; winding down the affairs of the board; making
95 nonbinding recommendations for the transition of the police force from the board
96 to the city; and other related duties, if any, established by executive order of the
97 city's mayor. Once the ordinance referenced in this section is enacted, the city
98 shall provide written notice to the board of police commissioners and the governor
99 of the state of Missouri. Within thirty days of such notice, the mayor shall
100 appoint three members to the committee, two of whom shall be members of a
101 statewide law enforcement association that represents at least five thousand law
102 enforcement officers. The remaining members of the committee shall include the
103 police chief of the municipal police force and a person who currently or previously
104 served as a commissioner on the board of police commissioners, who shall be
105 appointed to the committee by the mayor of such city.

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