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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE
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Senate Bill 351

(Senator Jackson)

Judicial Proceedings

Department of State Police - Residency Requirements

This bill alters residency requirements for appointees to the Department of State Police (DSP) so that only *civilian* appointees (instead of all appointees) must be State residents. Police appointees must be State residents or reside within 25 miles outside its borders on the date of appointment and for the duration of the appointee's employment.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Although the bill's requirements may alter the number of current and future police employees eligible for employment within DSP, the Department of Budget and Management and DSP can adopt necessary procedures with existing resources. No direct effect on revenues.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: In accordance with the State budget, the Secretary of State Police is required to appoint the employees that the Secretary considers necessary for the efficient administration of the department. The Secretary must make each appointment from a list of eligible candidates in accordance with the State Personnel and Pensions Article. Each appointee must (1) be a State resident on the date of appointment and (2) have the character, education, and other qualifications established by the Secretary.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Department of Budget and Management; Department of State Police; Department of Legislative Services

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