

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 1071

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHANEY

HUNTING/LICENSES: Reduces the time required to qualify as a resident for hunting and fishing licenses

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:8(16), relative to resident status for purchase of hunting and  
3 fishing licenses; to reduce the time required to qualify as a resident for the purchase  
4 of hunting licenses; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 56:8(16) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §8. Definitions

8 For purposes of this Chapter, the following words and phrases have the  
9 meaning ascribed to them in this Section, unless the context clearly shows a different  
10 meaning:

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12 (16)(a) Except as specified in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, "Bona  
13 bona fide resident" means any person who is a United States citizen or resident alien  
14 and has resided in this state continuously during the twelve months immediately  
15 prior to the date on which he applies for any license and who has manifested his  
16 intent to remain in this state by establishing Louisiana as his legal domicile, as  
17 demonstrated by compliance with all of the following, as applicable:

- 18 (i) If registered to vote, he is registered to vote in Louisiana.  
19 (ii) If licensed to drive a motor vehicle, he is in possession of a Louisiana  
20 driver's license, or, if over the age of fifteen years and not licensed to drive, he is in

1 possession of a special identification card issued by the Department of Public Safety  
2 and Corrections under the provisions of R.S. 40:1321.

3 (iii) If owning a motor vehicle located within Louisiana, he is in possession  
4 of a Louisiana registration for that vehicle.

5 (iv) If earning an income, he has filed a Louisiana state income tax return  
6 and has complied with state income tax laws and regulations.

7 (b) For purchase of a license for hunting or recreational fishing activities  
8 where such license does not authorize any commercial activity, "bona fide resident"  
9 means any person who is a United States citizen or resident alien and has resided in  
10 this state continuously during the six months immediately prior to the date on which  
11 he applies for any such license and who has manifested his intent to remain in this  
12 state by establishing Louisiana as his legal domicile, as demonstrated by compliance  
13 with Items (i) through (iv) of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph.

14 (c) As to a corporation or other legal entity, a resident shall be any which is  
15 incorporated or otherwise organized under and subject to the laws of Louisiana, and  
16 which is domiciled in Louisiana and has a permanent physical location of business  
17 in Louisiana where records are held in compliance with R.S. 56:306.4.

18 (d) Any person, corporation, or other legal entity which possesses a  
19 resident license from any other state or country shall not qualify for a resident license  
20 in Louisiana.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Reduces the time required to qualify as a resident for the purchase of hunting licenses.

Present law defines "bona fide resident" as a person who is a U. S. citizen or resident alien who has resided in this state continuously during the twelve months immediately prior to application for any license and who has demonstrated his intent to remain in this state by all of the following:

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- (1) If registered to vote, he is registered to vote in La.
- (2) If licensed to drive a motor vehicle, he possesses a La. driver's license.
- (3) If owning a motor vehicle located within La., the vehicle is registered in La.
- (4) If earning an income, he has filed a La. state income tax return.

Proposed law, for purchase of a license for hunting or recreational fishing activities where such license does not authorize any commercial activity, reduces the time required to qualify as a bona fide resident from twelve months to six months.

Present law provides that any person, corporation, or other legal entity which possesses a resident license from any other state or country shall not qualify for a resident license in La.

Proposed law retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 56:8(16))