

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHANEY

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

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

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

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

(i) If registered to vote, he is registered to vote in Louisiana.

(ii) If licensed to drive a motor vehicle, he is in possession of a Louisiana driver's license, or, if over the age of fifteen years and not licensed to drive, he is in possession of a special identification card issued by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections under the provisions of R.S. 40:1321.

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

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

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

10 (c) As to a corporation or other legal entity, a resident shall be any which is
11 incorporated or otherwise organized under and subject to the laws of Louisiana, and
12 which is domiciled in Louisiana and has a permanent physical location of business
13 in Louisiana where records are held in compliance with R.S. ~~56:306.4~~ 56:306.5.

14 ~~(c)~~ (d) Any person, corporation, or other legal entity which possesses a
15 resident license from any other state or country shall not qualify for a resident license
16 in Louisiana.

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