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To amend sections 735.01 and 737.01 of the Revised  
Code to remove residency requirements for the  
city director of public service and the city  
director of public safety.

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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That sections 735.01 and 737.01 of the Revised  
Code be amended to read as follows:

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**Sec. 735.01.** In each city there shall be a department of  
public service which shall be administered by a director of  
public service. ~~The director shall be appointed by the mayor and~~  
~~need not be a resident of the city at the time of his~~  
~~appointment but shall become a resident thereof within six~~  
~~months after his appointment unless such residence requirement~~  
~~is waived by ordinance. He~~The director shall make rules and  
regulations for the administration of the affairs under ~~his~~the  
director's supervision.

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**Sec. 737.01.** In each city there shall be a department of  
public safety, which shall be administered by a director of  
public safety. ~~The director shall be appointed by the mayor and~~  
~~need not be a resident of the city at the time of his~~

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~~appointment but shall become a resident thereof within six~~ 20  
~~months after his appointment unless such residence requirement~~ 21  
~~is waived by ordinance.~~ 22

**Section 2.** That existing sections 735.01 and 737.01 of the 23  
Revised Code are hereby repealed. 24