

**14-1502. Persons not eligible to office.** No person shall be eligible to any appointive office unless he or she shall be a bona fide resident of the city or of the territory within a two (2) mile radius of such city prior to his or her appointment, except that the city may hire nonresident expert employees or appoint nonresidents as a municipal judge or as law enforcement officers when deemed necessary by the board of commissioners, including the appointment of nonresidents who also serve as municipal judge or law enforcement officers of another municipality or public agency: Provided, That nothing herein shall authorize the appointment of nonresidents of this state.

**History:** L. 1909, ch. 82, § 23; R.S. 1923, § 14-1502; L. 1961, ch. 107, § 1; L. 1967, ch. 90, § 9; July 1.