DIGEST

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Chaney HB No. 1071

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

<u>Present law</u> 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:

- (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.

<u>Proposed law</u>, 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 <u>from</u> twelve months <u>to</u> six months.

<u>Present law</u> 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))