

HB 2054 -- FIRE PROTECTION EMPLOYEES

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Currently, the State Fire Marshal appoints an assistant director and other investigators and employees with certain qualifications. This bill repeals the requirements that investigators must:

- (1) Be at least 25 years old and have either a minimum of five years' experience in fire risk inspection, prevention, or investigation work, or a degree in fire protection engineering;
- (2) Be a taxpaying resident of Missouri for at least three years immediately preceding his or her appointment; and
- (3) Possess ordinary physical strength and pass a physical and mental examination.

Finally, this bill provides that a person appointed as an investigator shall be a resident of Missouri at the time of appointment and shall not accept other employment that would pose a conflict of interest while employed as a Fire Protection Inspector or employee.

This bill is the same as SB 970 (2022).