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Supreme Court Affirms Milwaukee May No Longer Enforce Its Residency Requirement

MADISON, WI — Senator Leah Vukmir (R-Brookfield) issued the following statement after the Wisconsin Supreme Court reversed the 1st District Appeals Court decision, ruling Thursday that Milwaukee cannot force its employees to reside in the city:

“This is a huge victory for city employees and their families, who can finally be confident in their freedom to choose where they live. The residency rules that Milwaukee was fighting to enforce had the potential of preventing highly qualified teachers, police officers and firefighters from opting to work in the city. The high court’s decision will certainly help Milwaukee retain and attract many valuable workers who were once discouraged by the residency rule.”

The 2013 state budget permitted non-emergency personnel the ability to reside where they wish, and allowed police and firefighters to live within 15 miles of their borders.

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