

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 857

Approved by the Governor March 30, 2016

Introduced by Hadley, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cities of the first class; to amend section 16-222.02, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2015; to change a provision relating to employment of a full-time fire chief; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 16-222.02, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2015, is amended to read:

16-222.02 Each city of the first class with a population in excess of forty-one thousand ~~thirty-seven thousand five hundred~~ inhabitants shall employ a full-time fire chief with appropriate training, credentials, and experience and for whom firefighting or emergency medical first response is a full-time career. The fire chief shall be appointed under the Civil Service Act by the mayor with the approval of the city council or by the city manager in cities that have adopted the city manager plan of government. The fire chief shall have the immediate superintendence of the fire prevention, fire suppression, and emergency medical first response services and the facilities and equipment related to such services of the city. The fire chief shall promulgate, implement, and enforce rules governing the actions and conduct of volunteer members of the department so as to be in conformity with the personnel policies of the city.

Sec. 2. Original section 16-222.02, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2015, is repealed.