

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

SB 37 # 9

DIGEST

Lake County convention and visitor bureau. Provides that, in making appointments to the convention and visitor bureau, the appointing authority shall give sole consideration to individuals who are employed as executives or managers in certain businesses (instead of either knowledgeable about or employed as executives or managers).

- 1 Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new
2 paragraph and insert:
3 "SECTION 1. IC 6-9-2-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.193-2017,
4 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
5 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 3. (a) For purposes of this section, the size of
6 a political subdivision is based on the population determined in the last
7 federal decennial census.
8 (b) A convention and visitor bureau having nineteen (19) members
9 is created to promote the development and growth of the convention,
10 tourism, and visitor industry in the county.
11 (c) The executives (as defined by IC 36-1-2-5) of the five (5) largest
12 cities and the seven (7) largest towns in the county shall each appoint
13 one (1) member to the bureau. The legislative body (as defined in
14 IC 36-1-2-9) of the two (2) largest municipalities in the county shall
15 each appoint one (1) member to the bureau.
16 (d) The county council shall appoint two (2) members to the bureau.
17 One (1) of the appointees must be a resident of the fifth largest city in
18 the county, and one (1) of the appointees must be a resident of the
19 eighth largest town in the county. The appointees may not be of the
20 same political party.
21 (e) The county commissioners shall appoint two (2) members to the
22 bureau. One (1) of the appointees must be a resident of the sixth largest
23 town in the county. One (1) of the appointees must be a resident of the
24 seventh largest town in the county. The appointees may not be of the
25 same political party.
26 (f) The lieutenant governor shall appoint one (1) member to the

1 bureau.

2 (g) No appointee under this section may hold an elected or
3 appointed political office while serving on the bureau.

4 (h) In making appointments under this section, the appointing
5 authority shall give sole consideration to individuals who are
6 knowledgeable about or employed as executives or managers in at least
7 one (1) of the following businesses in the county:

8 (1) Hotel.

9 (2) Motel.

10 (3) Restaurant.

11 (4) Travel.

12 (5) Transportation.

13 (6) Convention.

14 (7) Trade show.

15 (8) A riverboat licensed under IC 4-33.

16 (9) Banking.

17 (10) Real estate.

18 (11) Construction.

19 However, an individual employed by a riverboat may not be appointed
20 under this section unless the individual holds a Level 1 occupational
21 license issued under IC 4-33-8. This subsection does not apply to board
22 members appointed before July 1, 2007, who are eligible for
23 reappointment after June 30, 2007.

24 (i) All terms of office of bureau members begin on July 1. Members
25 of the bureau serve terms of three (3) years. A member whose term
26 expires may be reappointed to serve another term. If a vacancy occurs,
27 the appointing authority shall appoint a qualified person to serve for the
28 remainder of the term. If an appointment is not made before July 16 or
29 a vacancy is not filled within thirty (30) days, the member appointed by
30 the lieutenant governor under subsection (f) shall appoint a qualified
31 person.

32 (j) A member of the bureau may be removed for cause:

33 (1) by the member's appointing authority; or

34 (2) by vote of the bureau's board if it is determined that a member
35 does not meet the qualifications under subsection (h).

36 If a member is removed under this subsection, the appointing authority
37 may, not more than thirty (30) days after the member is removed,
38 appoint a replacement member to fill the remainder of the removed
39 member's term.

40 (k) Members of the bureau may not receive a salary. However,

1 bureau members are entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses
2 incurred in the performance of their respective duties.

3 (l) Each bureau member, before entering the member's duties, shall
4 take an oath of office in the usual form, to be endorsed upon the
5 member's certificate of appointment and promptly filed with the clerk
6 of the circuit court of the county.

7 (m) The bureau shall meet after July 1 each year for the purpose of
8 organization. The bureau shall elect a chairman from its members. The
9 bureau shall also elect from its members a vice chairman, a secretary,
10 and a treasurer. The members serving in those offices shall perform the
11 duties pertaining to the offices. The first officers chosen shall serve
12 until their successors are elected and qualified. A majority of the
13 bureau constitutes a quorum, and the concurrence of a majority of those
14 present is necessary to authorize any action.

15 (n) If the county and one (1) or more adjoining counties desire to
16 establish a joint bureau, the counties shall enter into an agreement
17 under IC 36-1-7.

18 (o) Notwithstanding any other law, any bureau member appointed
19 as of January 1, 2007, is eligible for reappointment."

20 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to SB 37 as reprinted January 24, 2024.)