

HOUSE BILL No. 1013

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 1-2-17.

Synopsis: State fossil. Designates the mastodon as the official state fossil of Indiana.

Effective: July 1, 2022.

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January 4, 2022, read first time and referred to Committee on Government and Regulatory Reform.



Introduced

Second Regular Session of the 122nd General Assembly (2022)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning general provisions.

Whereas, the remains of approximately three hundred (300) mammoths and mastodons have been found in the State of Indiana.

Whereas, the remains of mastodons have been found all across the State of Indiana in almost all ninety-two (92) counties.

Whereas, the remains of mastodons have primarily been found in central and northern Indiana.

Whereas, the mastodon is an ancient member of the elephant family that scientists believe roamed North America, Europe, and Asia before becoming extinct more than ten thousand (10,000) years ago.

Whereas, as recently as 2019, the remains of a mastodon were found near Seymour, Indiana in a farm field where workers were installing a new sewer system.

Whereas, according to an expert from the Indiana State Museum, the remains discovered in 2019 belong to a male mastodon.

Whereas, according to an expert from the Indiana State Museum, the remains of the mastodon show that the animal had a height of at

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least nine (9) feet and a weight of at least twelve thousand (12,000) pounds.

Whereas, according to an expert from the Indiana State Museum, the male mastodon died not more than thirteen thousand (13,000) years ago at an age of at least forty (40) years of age and not more than fifty (50) years of age.

Whereas, the State of Indiana has an opportunity to designate the mastodon as its state fossil: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 1-2-17 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2022]:
4 **Chapter 17. State Fossil**
5 **Sec. 1. The mastodon is designated as the official state fossil of**
6 **Indiana.**

