



January 17, 2023

HOUSE BILL No. 1035

DIGEST OF HB 1035 (Updated January 17, 2023 10:22 am - DI 116)

Citations Affected: IC 36-2; IC 36-6.

Synopsis: Township assessors. Provides that, in counties that have one or more township assessors, the county election board shall place on the ballot at the November 2024 general election a public question asking whether the office of township assessor should be abolished or continued. Provides that a county election board shall tabulate the votes cast on the public question and certify the results to the department of local government finance. Provides that if a majority of the voters voting on the public question vote "yes", the office of each township assessor in the county is abolished, effective January 1, 2026. Provides that if a majority of voters voting on the public question vote "yes": (1) employment positions as of December 31, 2025, of each township assessor in the county are transferred to the county assessor; (2) real and personal property duties of each township assessor in the county are transferred to the county assessor; (3) obligations outstanding on December 31, 2025, of each township assessor in the county are transferred to the county assessor; and (4) the funds of each township assessor in the county on hand for the purpose of carrying out the property assessment duties in the amount determined by the county auditor are transferred to the county assessor. Provides that before October 1, 2025, the county assessor shall interview, or give the opportunity to interview to, each individual who: (1) is an employee of a township assessor in the county; and (2) applies before September 1, 2025, for an employment position. Provides that the township shall transfer to the county assessor all revenue received after the date of the transfer that is received by the township for the purpose of carrying out property assessment duties in the amount determined by the county auditor.

Effective: July 1, 2023.

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January 9, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government.
January 17, 2023, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 36-2-15-0.4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2023]: **Sec. 0.4. (a) This section applies if a majority of the voters
4 voting on the public question required by IC 36-6-5-5 vote "yes" at
5 the November 2024 general election.**

6 **(b) Effective January 1, 2026, the following apply:**

7 **(1) Employment positions as of December 31, 2025, of each
8 township assessor in the county are transferred to the county
9 assessor, including the following:**

10 **(A) The employment position of the township assessor.**

11 **(B) The employment positions of each employee of the
12 township assessor.**

13 **(2) Real and personal property duties of each township
14 assessor in the county are transferred to the county assessor.**

15 **(3) Obligations outstanding on December 31, 2025, of each
16 township assessor in the county are transferred to the county
17 assessor.**

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1 **(4) Funds of each township assessor in the county on hand for**
 2 **the purpose of carrying out property assessment duties in the**
 3 **amount determined by the county auditor are transferred to**
 4 **the county assessor.**

5 **(c) Before October 1, 2025, the county assessor shall interview,**
 6 **or give the opportunity to interview to, each individual who:**

7 **(1) is an employee of a township assessor in the county; and**
 8 **(2) applies before September 1, 2025, for an employment**
 9 **position.**

10 **(d) The township assessor shall transfer to the county assessor**
 11 **all revenue received after the date of the transfer that is received**
 12 **by the township for the purpose of carrying out property**
 13 **assessment duties in the amount determined by the county auditor.**

14 SECTION 2. IC 36-6-5-5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 15 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 16 1, 2023]: **Sec. 5. (a) This section applies only to a county if the**
 17 **county has one (1) or more township assessors.**

18 **(b) The county election board of the county shall place on the**
 19 **ballot at the November 2024 general election the following public**
 20 **question:**

21 **"Shall the county discontinue paying for the cost of township**
 22 **assessors in the county?"**

23 **(c) The following language shall be placed immediately below**
 24 **the language of the public question stated in subsection (b):**

25 **"If a majority of the voters vote "yes" on this public question,**
 26 **the office of township assessor in the county will be abolished**
 27 **and all of its functions transferred to the county assessor.**

28 **If a majority of the voters vote "no" on this public question,**
 29 **the office of township assessor in the county will continue."**

30 **(d) Except as provided in this section, IC 3-10-9-4 applies to the**
 31 **form of the public question required by this section.**

32 **(e) The county election board shall:**

33 **(1) tabulate the votes cast on the public question stated in**
 34 **subsection (b); and**

35 **(2) certify the results under IC 3-12-4-9 and to the department**
 36 **of local government finance.**

37 **(f) IC 3 applies to the public question required by this section**
 38 **except where IC 3 conflicts with this section.**

39 **(g) If a majority of the voters voting on the public question vote**
 40 **"yes", notwithstanding section 1 of this chapter, the following**
 41 **apply:**

42 **(1) After January 1, 2025, an election for township assessor**



1 **shall not be held.**
2 **(2) The office of each township assessor in the county is**
3 **abolished, effective January 1, 2026.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Local Government, to which was referred House Bill 1035, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 5, delete "2026" and insert "**2024**".

Page 1, line 6, delete "2028," and insert "**2026**".

Page 1, line 7, delete "2027," and insert "**2025**".

Page 1, line 15, delete "2027," and insert "**2025**".

Page 2, line 5, delete "2027," and insert "**2025**".

Page 2, line 8, delete "2027," and insert "**2025**".

Page 2, line 19, delete "2026" and insert "**2024**".

Page 2, delete lines 39 through 42, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(g) If a majority of the voters voting on the public question vote "yes", notwithstanding section 1 of this chapter, the following apply:

(1) After January 1, 2025, an election for township assessor shall not be held.

(2) The office of each township assessor in the county is abolished, effective January 1, 2026."

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1035 as introduced.)

MAY

Committee Vote: yeas 9, nays 2.

