

# HOUSE BILL No. 1221

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** Noncode.

**Synopsis:** Advisory public question on LGBT civil rights. Requires an advisory public question to be put on the November 2016 general election ballot asking the voters whether members of the general assembly should pass legislation to extend civil rights protections to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) individuals.

**Effective:** July 1, 2016.

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January 11, 2016, read first time and referred to Committee on Elections and Apportionment.

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Second Regular Session of the 119th General Assembly (2016)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning elections.

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

- 1           SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016] (a) **The county election**  
2 **board of each county shall place the following public question on**  
3 **the ballot at the November 2016 general election:**  
4           **"Vote for only one (1) of the following statements:**  
5           **Members of the Indiana General Assembly should pass**  
6 **legislation to extend civil rights protections to lesbian, gay,**  
7 **bisexual, and transgender individuals.**  
8           **Members of the Indiana General Assembly should not pass**  
9 **legislation to extend civil rights protections to lesbian, gay,**  
10 **bisexual, and transgender individuals."**  
11           **(b) The county election board shall print the following**  
12 **immediately below the public question stated in subsection (a):**  
13           **"The vote on these statements is advisory only. The result of the**  
14 **vote on these statements is not binding on the General Assembly."**  
15           **(c) The county election board shall format the public question**  
16 **stated in subsection (a) so that a voter can indicate a choice for**  
17 **either statement.**  
18           **(d) If a voter indicates a choice for both statements, the county**



- 1 election board shall not count the vote for either statement.
- 2 (e) Each county election board shall tabulate the votes cast on
- 3 the public question described in this SECTION and certify the
- 4 results under IC 3-12-4-9.
- 5 (f) IC 3 applies to the public question required by this
- 6 SECTION except where IC 3 conflicts with this SECTION.
- 7 (g) The secretary of state shall certify the results of the vote on
- 8 the public question required by this SECTION to the legislative
- 9 council.
- 10 (h) This SECTION expires July 1, 2017.

