



April 10, 2019

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1270

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Citations Affected: IC 5-1.2; IC 13-14; IC 14-8; IC 14-11; IC 14-13; IC 14-28; IC 14-30.

Synopsis: Kankakee River basin and Yellow River basin development. Abolishes the Kankakee River basin commission and repeals its statute. Establishes the Kankakee River basin and Yellow River basin development commission (commission) as a public body corporate and politic. Authorizes the commission to participate in the flood control program operated by the Indiana finance authority. Requires certain
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Effective: July 1, 2019.

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January 10, 2019, read first time and referred to Select Committee on Government Reduction.

January 16, 2019, amended, reported — Do Pass.

January 22, 2019, read second time, ordered engrossed.

January 23, 2019, engrossed.

January 24, 2019, read third time, passed. Yeas 97, nays 0.

SENATE ACTION

February 27, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government.

April 4, 2019, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass; reassigned to Committee on Tax and Fiscal Policy.

April 9, 2019, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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state agencies to assist each other in simplifying the permitting process with respect to the flood control activities of the commission. Provides that Indiana counties within the basin may adopt a resolution to pay direct support to the commission or to impose a special assessment on parcels located within the basin for the commission. Provides that if each county within the basin has adopted a resolution, each county may impose a special assessment. For 2022 and thereafter, allows counties to retain 10% of the special assessments to improve flood water storage on the tributaries of the two rivers. Specifies the amount of the special assessment by parcel category and the commission's permissible uses of the special assessments. Establishes an advisory committee to the commission. Requires the commission to coordinate its flood control activities with other public agencies to ensure that undeveloped public land is used for providing flood storage to the greatest extent feasible before other lands are used. Authorizes an Indiana business preference if certain conditions are met. Establishes an Indiana employment goal with respect to contracts for public works awarded by the commission.

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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.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2018 Regular and Special Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 5-1.2-2-54, AS ADDED BY P.L.189-2018,
2 SECTION 25, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 54. "Participant" means the following:
4 (1) For purposes of the wastewater program established under
5 IC 5-1.2-10:
6 (A) a political subdivision; or
7 (B) any person, entity, association, trust, or other manner of
8 participant allowed by law to enter contractual arrangements
9 for a purpose eligible for assistance under the federal Clean
10 Water Act.
11 (2) For purposes of the drinking water program established under
12 IC 5-1.2-10:
13 (A) a political subdivision; or
14 (B) any person, entity, association, trust, or other manner of
15 participant allowed by law to enter contractual arrangements
16 for a purpose eligible for assistance under the federal Safe
17 Drinking Water Act.

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1 (3) For purposes of the supplemental program established under
 2 IC 5-1.2-11, the Indiana brownfields program established under
 3 IC 5-1.2-12, the flood control program established under
 4 IC 5-1.2-13, and the water infrastructure assistance program
 5 established under IC 5-1.2-14:

6 (A) a political subdivision; ~~or~~

7 **(B) the Kankakee River basin and Yellow River basin**
 8 **development commission established by IC 14-13-9-6; or**

9 ~~(C)~~ (C) any person, entity, association, trust, or other manner
 10 of participant allowed by law to enter contractual
 11 arrangements for a purpose eligible for assistance under those
 12 chapters.

13 (4) For purposes of the local transportation infrastructure program
 14 established under IC 5-1.2-15:

15 (A) a political subdivision;

16 (B) an agency, authority, department, instrumentality, or body
 17 corporate and politic acting on behalf of a political
 18 subdivision; or

19 (C) a regional authority, instrumentality, or body corporate and
 20 politic acting on behalf of one (1) or more entities described in
 21 clause (A) or (B).

22 SECTION 2. IC 5-1.2-13-12, AS ADDED BY P.L.189-2018,
 23 SECTION 25, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 24 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 12. (a) **Except as provided in subsection (b)**, a
 25 participant receiving a loan or other financial assistance under:

26 (1) this chapter;

27 (2) IC 13-2-23 (before its repeal); or

28 (3) IC 14-28-5 (before its repeal);

29 may levy an annual tax on personal and real property located within the
 30 geographical limits of the participant for flood control purposes. The
 31 tax is in addition to any other tax authorized by law to be levied for
 32 flood control purposes. The tax shall be levied at the rate that will
 33 produce sufficient revenue to pay the annual installment and interest on
 34 a loan or other financial assistance made under this chapter, under
 35 IC 13-2-23 (before its repeal), or under IC 14-28-5 (before its repeal).
 36 The tax at the rate authorized in this section is in addition to the
 37 maximum annual rates prescribed by law.

38 **(b) This subsection applies to the participation of the Kankakee**
 39 **River basin and Yellow River basin development commission. If**
 40 **the commission receives a loan or other financial assistance under**
 41 **this chapter, the commission must pay the annual installment and**
 42 **interest on the loan or other financial assistance from any**



1 combination of the direct support payments received under
 2 IC 14-13-9-21, the proceeds of special assessments imposed under
 3 IC 14-13-9-21, or other funds of the commission deemed acceptable
 4 by the authority.

5 SECTION 3. IC 13-14-1-18 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 6 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 7 1, 2019]: Sec. 18. The department shall coordinate with the
 8 department of natural resources and other state agencies to
 9 simplify the state permitting process with respect to the flood
 10 control activities of the Kankakee River basin and Yellow River
 11 basin development commission under IC 14-13-9. The department
 12 and other agencies shall assist each other in:

13 (1) reducing the number of applications and other interactions
 14 required to obtain necessary permits; and

15 (2) avoiding imposing conflicting requirements upon the
 16 commission in issuing permits to the commission.

17 SECTION 4. IC 14-8-2-20, AS AMENDED BY P.L.4-2008,
 18 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 19 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 20. "Basin" has the following meaning:

20 (1) For purposes of IC 14-13-9, the meaning set forth in
 21 IC 14-13-9-1.

22 (†) (2) For purposes of IC 14-25-1, the meaning set forth in
 23 section 1.2 of IC 14-25-15-1.

24 (2) For purposes of IC 14-30-1, the meaning set forth in
 25 IC 14-30-1-1.

26 (3) For purposes of IC 14-30-2, the meaning set forth in
 27 IC 14-30-2-1.

28 (4) For purposes of IC 14-30-3, the meaning set forth in
 29 IC 14-30-3-1.

30 (5) For purposes of IC 14-30-4, the meaning set forth in
 31 IC 14-30-4-1.

32 SECTION 5. IC 14-8-2-48, AS AMENDED BY P.L.189-2018,
 33 SECTION 129, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 34 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 48. (a) "Commission", except as
 35 provided in this section, refers to the natural resources commission.

36 (b) "Commission", for purposes of IC 14-13-1, has the meaning set
 37 forth in IC 14-13-1-1.

38 (c) "Commission", for purposes of IC 14-13-2, has the meaning set
 39 forth in IC 14-13-2-2.

40 (d) "Commission", for purposes of IC 14-13-4, has the meaning set
 41 forth in IC 14-13-4-1.

42 (e) "Commission", for purposes of IC 14-13-5, has the meaning set



- 1 forth in IC 14-13-5-1.
- 2 (f) "Commission", for purposes of IC 14-13-6, has the meaning set
- 3 forth in IC 14-13-6-2.
- 4 **(g) "Commission", for purposes of IC 14-13-9, has the meaning**
- 5 **set forth in IC 14-13-9-2.**
- 6 ~~(g)~~ **(h)** "Commission", for purposes of IC 14-20-11, has the meaning
- 7 set forth in IC 14-20-11-1.
- 8 ~~(h)~~ **(i)** "Commission", for purposes of IC 14-28-4, has the meaning
- 9 set forth in IC 14-28-4-1.
- 10 ~~(i)~~ "Commission", for purposes of ~~IC 14-30-1~~, has the meaning set
- 11 forth in ~~IC 14-30-1-2~~.
- 12 (j) "Commission", for purposes of IC 14-30-2, has the meaning set
- 13 forth in IC 14-30-2-2.
- 14 (k) "Commission", for purposes of IC 14-30-3, has the meaning set
- 15 forth in IC 14-30-3-2.
- 16 (l) "Commission", for purposes of IC 14-30-4, has the meaning set
- 17 forth in IC 14-30-4-2.
- 18 (m) "Commission", for purposes of IC 14-33-20, has the meaning
- 19 set forth in IC 14-33-20-2.
- 20 SECTION 6. IC 14-8-2-136 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 21 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 136. "Kankakee River
- 22 basin", for purposes of ~~IC 14-30-1~~, **IC 14-13-9**, has the meaning set
- 23 forth in ~~IC 14-30-1-3~~. **IC 14-13-9-3.**
- 24 SECTION 7. IC 14-11-1-9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 25 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 26 1, 2019]: **Sec. 9. The department shall coordinate with the**
- 27 **department of environmental management and other state agencies**
- 28 **to simplify the state permitting process with respect to the flood**
- 29 **control activities of the Kankakee River basin and Yellow River**
- 30 **basin development commission under IC 14-13-9. The department**
- 31 **and other agencies shall assist each other in:**
- 32 **(1) reducing the number of applications and other interactions**
- 33 **required to obtain necessary permits; and**
- 34 **(2) avoiding imposing conflicting requirements upon the**
- 35 **commission in issuing permits to the commission.**
- 36 SECTION 8. IC 14-13-9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
- 37 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 38 1, 2019]:
- 39 **Chapter 9. Kankakee River Basin and Yellow River Basin**
- 40 **Development Commission**
- 41 **Sec. 0.5. (a) The Kankakee River basin commission is abolished.**
- 42 **Notwithstanding IC 14-30-1, as in effect June 30, 2019, the term of**



1 any member serving on the Kankakee River basin commission
2 expires July 1, 2019.

3 (b) The governor shall appoint the member described in section
4 9(a)(1) of this chapter effective July 1, 2019. The term of a member
5 appointed under this subsection begins on July 1, 2019, and the
6 member serves a four (4) year term as provided in section 12 of
7 this chapter.

8 (c) The county executive from each respective county shall
9 appoint the member described in section 9(a)(2) from each of the
10 following counties effective July 1, 2019:

- 11 (1) LaPorte.
12 (2) Marshall.
13 (3) Porter.
14 (4) Starke.

15 The term of a member initially appointed under this subsection
16 begins on July 1, 2019.

17 (d) Notwithstanding section 12 of this chapter, the term of a
18 member appointed under subsection (c) is two (2) years. After July
19 1, 2021, the term of a member appointed from a county described
20 in subsection (c) is four (4) years in accordance with section 12 of
21 this chapter.

22 (e) The county executive from each respective county shall
23 appoint the member described in section 9(a)(2) from each of the
24 following counties effective July 1, 2019:

- 25 (1) Jasper.
26 (2) Lake.
27 (3) Newton.
28 (4) St. Joseph.

29 A member appointed to an initial term under this subsection begins
30 the member's term on July 1, 2019, and serves a four (4) year term
31 as provided in section 12 of this chapter.

32 (f) On July 1, 2019, all powers, duties, agreements, and liabilities
33 of the Kankakee River basin commission are transferred to the
34 commission.

35 (g) On July 1, 2019, all records and property, including
36 appropriations and other funds, under the control of the Kankakee
37 River basin commission are transferred to the commission.

38 (h) The executive director and employees of the Kankakee River
39 basin commission on June 30, 2019, become employees of the
40 commission on July 1, 2019, without change in compensation,
41 seniority, or benefits and are entitled to have their service under
42 the commission included for purposes of computing any applicable



1 employment and retirement benefits.

2 (i) After June 30, 2019, a reference to the Kankakee River basin
3 commission in any statute, rule, or other document is considered
4 a reference to the commission.

5 (j) This section expires July 1, 2024.

6 Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "basin" refers to the Kankakee
7 River basin and the Yellow River basin.

8 Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the
9 Kankakee River basin and Yellow River basin development
10 commission established by this chapter.

11 Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "Kankakee River basin" means
12 the following areas drained by the Kankakee River and the
13 tributaries of the Kankakee River:

14 (1) The area in Jasper County, LaPorte County, Lake County,
15 Marshall County, Newton County, Porter County, St. Joseph
16 County, and Starke County that is drained by the Kankakee
17 River and the tributaries of the Kankakee River in Indiana.

18 (2) The area in Kankakee County and Iroquois County in
19 Illinois that is drained by the Kankakee River and the
20 tributaries of the Kankakee River in Illinois.

21 Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "taxable parcel" refers to a
22 parcel that is not exempt from property taxation under
23 IC 6-1.1-10.

24 Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "Yellow River basin" means the
25 area in Marshall County, Starke County, and St. Joseph County
26 that is drained by the Yellow River in Indiana.

27 Sec. 6. The Kankakee River basin and Yellow River basin
28 development commission is established as a public body corporate
29 and politic.

30 Sec. 7. The exercise of the powers granted by this chapter is for
31 the benefit of the people of Indiana and for the increase of their
32 commerce, health, enjoyment, and prosperity. The operation,
33 creation, development, and maintenance of the projects by the
34 commission constitute the performance of essential governmental
35 functions.

36 Sec. 8. The commission shall limit the commission's activities to
37 the Kankakee River basin and the Yellow River basin.

38 Sec. 9. (a) The commission consists of the following individuals:

39 (1) One (1) representative appointed by the governor, who is
40 a voting member.

41 (2) One (1) representative appointed by the county executive
42 of each county in the basin in Indiana, who is a voting



1 member.

2 (b) The county executive of each county in the basin in Indiana
3 shall appoint a member to represent the county before September
4 1, 2019. If a county executive fails to make the appointment before
5 September 1, 2019, the county surveyor of that county shall assume
6 the position on September 1, 2019, and serve the term of office
7 prescribed by section 12 of this chapter.

8 (c) A member appointed under subsection (a)(2) must reside in
9 the Indiana county within the basin for which the member is
10 appointed.

11 Sec. 10. (a) The commission may invite the executives of the
12 counties located in the basin in Illinois to appoint one (1) member
13 who meets the qualifications described in section 11 of this chapter
14 to the commission.

15 (b) If a member is appointed under this section, the member
16 serves as a nonvoting advisory member of the commission.

17 (c) If a member is appointed under this section, the member:
18 (1) is not entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses or
19 a salary per diem as provided in section 17 of this chapter;
20 and

21 (2) may not be elected as an officer of the commission as
22 provided in section 14 of this chapter.

23 Sec. 11. Each member of the commission appointed under
24 section 9(a) of this chapter must have a background in:

- 25 (1) construction;
- 26 (2) project management;
- 27 (3) flood control;
- 28 (4) drainage; or
- 29 (5) another similar professional background.

30 Sec. 12. The term of office of a member of the commission is
31 four (4) years and continues until a successor is appointed.

32 Sec. 13. (a) An individual who is appointed to the commission is
33 eligible for reappointment.

34 (b) If a vacancy occurs in the position of a member of the
35 commission, the authority that appointed the member shall appoint
36 a new member to fill the vacancy in the same way that the member
37 to be replaced was appointed.

38 (c) If an appointee is appointed to serve an unexpired term, the
39 appointee serves only until the end of the unexpired term.

40 Sec. 14. (a) This section does not apply to a member appointed
41 under section 10 of this chapter.

42 (b) The commission shall elect the following officers:



- 1 **(1) A chairman.**
- 2 **(2) A vice chairman.**
- 3 **(3) A secretary.**
- 4 **(4) A treasurer.**
- 5 **(c) The:**
- 6 **(1) terms of the officers elected under subsection (b) may not**
- 7 **exceed one (1) year; and**
- 8 **(2) officers are eligible for reelection.**
- 9 **(d) The commission may establish and fill other offices the**
- 10 **commission considers necessary.**
- 11 **(e) Each officer of the commission shall perform the duties**
- 12 **usually pertaining to the office.**
- 13 **Sec. 15. The commission shall meet:**
- 14 **(1) at least four (4) times per calendar year; and**
- 15 **(2) on the call of any of the following:**
- 16 **(A) The chairman.**
- 17 **(B) The executive director.**
- 18 **(C) A quorum of the members of the commission.**
- 19 **Sec. 16. (a) The following rules apply to proceedings of the**
- 20 **commission:**
- 21 **(1) Five (5) voting members constitute a quorum.**
- 22 **(2) At least five (5) affirmative votes are required for the**
- 23 **commission to take action.**
- 24 **(3) The commission shall keep a record of the commission's**
- 25 **resolutions, transactions, and findings. This record is a public**
- 26 **record.**
- 27 **(b) The commission may adopt additional rules for the**
- 28 **transaction of business.**
- 29 **Sec. 17. (a) This section does not apply to a member appointed**
- 30 **under section 10 of this chapter.**
- 31 **(b) Each commission member is entitled to reimbursement for**
- 32 **traveling and other expenses as provided in the state travel policies**
- 33 **and procedures established by the Indiana department of**
- 34 **administration and approved by the budget agency.**
- 35 **(c) Each appointed commission member is entitled to the**
- 36 **minimum salary per diem as provided in IC 4-10-11-2.1(b).**
- 37 **Sec. 18. (a) The commission:**
- 38 **(1) shall develop a plan regarding flood control and drainage**
- 39 **within the basin;**
- 40 **(2) shall, after June 30, 2019, have exclusive authority to**
- 41 **implement drainage and flood control activities within the**
- 42 **channels of the Kankakee River and the Yellow River and**



1 within the area extending seventy-five (75) feet from the top
2 of each bank of each river;

3 (3) may participate in the flood control program established
4 under IC 5-1.2-13; and

5 (4) may acquire interests in land, including easements, for the
6 commission's use in:

7 (A) providing flood storage; and

8 (B) the construction of levees and other flood control
9 improvements.

10 (b) The commission's exclusive authority to implement drainage
11 and flood control activities under subsection (a)(2) includes the
12 authority to do the following:

13 (1) Bank stabilization.

14 (2) Tree removal.

15 (3) The construction and operation of sand traps.

16 (4) Channel reconstruction.

17 (5) Sediment removal.

18 (6) Acquire, construct, and maintain access roads to levees
19 and the channel of each river.

20 (7) Other actions considered necessary by the commission to
21 carry out this chapter.

22 **Sec. 19. The commission may do the following:**

23 (1) Conduct all studies necessary for the performance of the
24 commission's duties.

25 (2) Publicize, advertise, and distribute reports on the
26 commission's purposes, objectives, and findings.

27 (3) When requested, provide recommendations in matters
28 related to the commission's functions and objectives to the
29 following:

30 (A) Political subdivisions in the basin.

31 (B) Other public and private agencies.

32 (4) When requested, act as a coordinating agency for
33 programs and activities of other public and private agencies
34 that are related to the commission's objectives.

35 **Sec. 20. (a) The commission may receive grants and
36 appropriations from the following:**

37 (1) Federal, state, and local governments.

38 (2) Individuals, foundations, and other organizations.

39 (b) The commission may enter into agreements or contracts
40 regarding the acceptance or use of these grants and appropriations
41 for the purpose of carrying out the commission's activities under
42 this chapter.



1 (c) The commission must expend money appropriated to the
2 commission for the purpose for which the money is appropriated.

3 Sec. 21. (a) The commission is authorized to provide special
4 benefits to taxpayers in the basin by promoting public safety and
5 economic development that is of public use and benefit through
6 public funds provided by the fiscal bodies of the Indiana counties
7 located in the basin and special assessments imposed under
8 subsection (b). A county fiscal body may adopt a resolution opting
9 to pay direct support to the commission or a resolution to impose
10 an annual special assessment against each parcel of real property
11 that is located both within the county and within the basin.

12 **Payments of direct support:**

13 (1) must be paid in calendar years beginning after December
14 31, 2019;

15 (2) must be made in an amount equal to at least ninety percent
16 (90%) of the amount that the county could raise through the
17 imposition of special assessments under this section; and

18 (3) are due at the same time special assessments are paid to
19 the commission under section 22(e) of this chapter.

20 (b) If each county fiscal body adopts a resolution:

21 (1) authorizing the imposition of a special assessment; or

22 (2) opting to pay the direct support to the commission;

23 the fiscal body of each Indiana county within the basin may
24 impose, in each calendar year, beginning with the first calendar
25 year after each fiscal body has adopted a resolution described in
26 subdivision (1) or (2), an annual special assessment against each
27 taxable parcel of real property that is located both within the
28 county and within the basin.

29 (c) The special assessment for each taxable parcel must be
30 imposed as follows:

31 (1) For a residential parcel of real property, seven dollars
32 (\$7).

33 (2) For an agricultural parcel of real property, the product of:

34 (A) one dollar (\$1); multiplied by

35 (B) the number of acres in the parcel.

36 (3) For a commercial parcel of real property on which no
37 structures are situated, the product of:

38 (A) two dollars (\$2); multiplied by

39 (B) the number of acres in the parcel.

40 (4) For a commercial parcel of real property on which at least
41 one (1) structure is situated, fifty dollars (\$50).

42 (5) For an industrial or public utility parcel of real property,



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three hundred sixty dollars (\$360).
Sec. 22. (a) In each calendar year beginning with the first calendar year after each fiscal body has adopted a resolution as described in section 21(b) of this chapter, the county treasurer shall do the following with respect to the property tax statement of a person owning a taxable parcel subject to a special assessment imposed under section 21 of this chapter:

- (1) Add the amount of the special assessment.
- (2) Designate the special assessment in a manner distinct from general taxes.
- (3) Indicate that the full annual assessment is due in the year the statement is sent.

(b) A special assessment imposed under section 21 of this chapter must be collected in the same manner as other special assessments are collected under IC 6-1.1. However, a delinquent special assessment is not subject to enforcement under IC 6-1.1-24 and IC 6-1.1-25. The following apply to the enforcement of a special assessment:

- (1) The assessment is not the personal obligation of the owner of the taxable parcel affected by the assessment.
- (2) A special assessment constitutes a lien against the taxable parcel.
- (3) The lien described in subdivision (2) is superior to all other liens except tax liens and first lien mortgages.

(c) At the time of each annual tax settlement, the county treasurer shall certify to the county auditor the amount of the special assessments collected.

(d) For the first three (3) calendar years beginning after each fiscal body has adopted a resolution as described in section 21(b) of this chapter, the county auditor shall pay the total amount of the special assessments collected by the county treasurer under this section to the commission for deposit under section 25 of this chapter. Beginning with the fourth calendar year, and for each subsequent calendar year, after each fiscal body has adopted a resolution as described in section 21(b) of this chapter, after the county auditor shall:

- (1) pay ninety percent (90%) of the special assessments collected by the county treasurer under this section to the commission for deposit under section 25 of this chapter; and
- (2) retain ten percent (10%) of the special assessments collected by the county treasurer for the county's use under section 24 of this chapter.



1 (e) The county auditor shall make the payments to the
 2 commission required by subsection (d) on the dates of the June and
 3 December settlement and apportionment of property taxes
 4 collected under IC 6-1.1.

5 Sec. 23. (a) If:

6 (1) a county fails to pay direct support or special assessments
 7 to the commission when due under section 21 or 22 of this
 8 chapter; and

9 (2) more than thirty (30) days have elapsed since the due date;
 10 the commission shall notify the auditor of state of the county's
 11 failure to pay and the amount due from the county. The
 12 commission may request that the auditor of state pay the amount
 13 due from local income taxes otherwise distributable to the county
 14 under IC 6-3.6. The auditor of state shall immediately contact the
 15 county auditor and the commission to confirm whether the county
 16 is unable to make the required payment. Upon confirming the
 17 county's inability to make the payment, the auditor of state shall
 18 deduct the amount due from the next distribution of local income
 19 taxes payable to the county under IC 6-3.6.

20 (b) This section must be interpreted liberally to ensure that the
 21 obligations of the commission are paid to the extent legally valid.
 22 However, this section does not create a debt of the state.

23 Sec. 24. A county shall use money retained under section 22(d)
 24 of this chapter to improve flood storage capacity along the
 25 tributaries of the Kankakee River and the Yellow River.

26 Sec. 25. (a) The commission shall deposit special assessments
 27 received under section 22 of this chapter into a segregated account
 28 maintained by the commission. Except as provided in subsection
 29 (b), special assessments deposited into the account may not be
 30 transferred into other accounts belonging to the commission.
 31 Money in the account may be used only for the following purposes:

32 (1) To pay expenses directly related to the acquisition,
 33 construction, or improvement of real property, a facility, a
 34 betterment, or an improvement constituting part of a project
 35 of the commission, including acquisition of the site for a
 36 project.

37 (2) To pay expenses directly related to the operation, repair,
 38 and maintenance of flood protection systems within the basin.

39 (3) To pay the annual installment and interest on a loan or
 40 other financial assistance received under IC 5-1.2-13.

41 (b) The commission shall establish an account for reimbursing
 42 landowners for damages incurred through the use of the



1 landowners' land for flood storage. The account consists of money
 2 transferred from the segregated account described in subsection
 3 (a). The commission may transfer amounts considered appropriate
 4 by the commission.

5 Sec. 26. (a) The commission may:

6 (1) acquire and dispose of real or personal property by grant,
 7 gift, purchase, lease, devise, or otherwise; and

8 (2) hold, use, improve, maintain, operate, own, manage, or
 9 lease as lessor or lessee real or personal property or any
 10 interest in that property;

11 for the purposes prescribed by this chapter.

12 (b) The commission may exercise the powers granted by this
 13 section for the development of the water resources of the basin.

14 Sec. 27. The commission may sue and be sued.

15 Sec. 28. The commission may, with the approval of the regional
 16 planning commissions affected and the department, enter into
 17 agreements with agencies in another state that are responsible for
 18 the planning or development of all or part of the basin in the other
 19 state.

20 Sec. 29. (a) There is established an advisory committee
 21 consisting of:

22 (1) the north-northwest regional director of the Indiana
 23 Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts; and

24 (2) the county surveyor of each Indiana county within the
 25 basin.

26 However, a county surveyor may not be a member of the advisory
 27 committee if the county surveyor represents the county on the
 28 commission. The county executive of a county represented on the
 29 commission by the county surveyor shall appoint an individual
 30 other than the county surveyor to represent the county on the
 31 advisory committee.

32 (b) The commission may appoint other advisory committees
 33 consisting of individuals whose experience, training, or interest in
 34 the program enables the individuals to assist the commission.

35 (c) A member of an advisory committee is not entitled to
 36 compensation for the member's services.

37 Sec. 30. (a) The counties in the basin may budget, appropriate,
 38 and disburse an aggregate amount not to exceed fifty thousand
 39 dollars (\$50,000) per year to carry out the purposes of the
 40 commission under this chapter. The appropriation shall be
 41 apportioned among the counties in the basin in direct relationship
 42 to the amount of land area lying within the basin boundaries.



1 (b) The department shall certify the boundaries and the
2 drainage area of each county within the basin after consultation
3 with the respective county surveyors and the United States Army
4 Corps of Engineers. The determination and certification shall be
5 prepared before submission of budgets to the appropriating bodies
6 so that the correct amount can be appropriated.

7 (c) A regional planning commission may, upon request from the
8 commission, furnish for a reasonable charge the support staff
9 necessary for the commission.

10 Sec. 31. (a) The commission shall do the following:

11 (1) Prepare and adopt by majority vote an annual budget.

12 (2) Submit the budget to each county, municipality, or agency
13 appropriating money for the use of the commission.

14 (b) After approval of the budget by the commission, money may
15 be expended only as budgeted unless a majority vote of the
16 commission authorizes other expenditure.

17 (c) Any appropriated amounts remaining unexpended or
18 unencumbered at the end of the year become part of a
19 nonreverting cumulative fund to be held in the name of the
20 commission. The commission may authorize unbudgeted
21 expenditures from this fund by a majority vote of the commission.

22 (d) The commission is responsible for the safekeeping and
23 deposit of money the commission receives under this chapter. The
24 state board of accounts shall:

25 (1) prescribe the methods and forms for keeping; and

26 (2) periodically audit;

27 the accounts, records, and books of the commission.

28 (e) The treasurer of the commission may receive, disburse, and
29 handle money belonging to the commission, subject to the
30 following:

31 (1) Applicable statutes.

32 (2) Procedures established by the commission.

33 Sec. 32. The commission shall coordinate its flood control
34 activities with the department and other public agencies to ensure
35 that undeveloped public land is used for providing flood storage to
36 the greatest extent feasible before other lands are used.

37 Sec. 33. (a) As used in this section, "out-of-state business" refers
38 to a business that is not an Indiana business.

39 (b) The commission may give a preference to an Indiana
40 business that submits a bid under this article if all of the following
41 apply:

42 (1) An out-of-state business submits a bid.



- 1 (2) The out-of-state business is a business from a state that
2 gives public works preferences unfavorable to Indiana
3 businesses.
- 4 (c) The commission shall establish criteria for determining the
5 following:
- 6 (1) Whether a bidder qualifies as an Indiana business under
7 the rules.
- 8 (2) When another state's preference is unfavorable to Indiana
9 businesses.
- 10 (3) The method by which the preference for Indiana
11 businesses is to be computed.
- 12 (d) The commission may not give a preference to an Indiana
13 business that is more favorable to the Indiana business than the
14 other state's preference is to the other state's businesses.
- 15 Sec. 34. (a) As used in this section, "resident of Indiana" means
16 a person who is at least eighteen (18) years of age and is one (1) of
17 the following:
- 18 (1) A person who has registered a motor vehicle in Indiana.
- 19 (2) A person who is registered to vote in Indiana.
- 20 (3) A person who has a child enrolled in an elementary or a
21 secondary school located in Indiana.
- 22 (4) A person who derives more than one-half (1/2) of the
23 person's gross income (as defined in Section 61 of the Internal
24 Revenue Code) from sources in Indiana, according to the
25 provisions applicable to determining the source of adjusted
26 gross income that are set forth in IC 6-3-2-2. However, a
27 person who would otherwise be considered a resident of
28 Indiana under this subdivision is not a resident of Indiana if
29 a preponderance of the evidence concerning the factors set
30 forth in subdivisions (1) through (3) proves that the person is
31 not a resident of Indiana.
- 32 (b) When entering a bid under this chapter for a public works
33 project, each contractor shall provide the commission with
34 information on the number of residents of Indiana who will be
35 employed by the contractor and the number of residents of Indiana
36 who will be employed by any subcontractor of the contractor.
- 37 (c) The goal for a contract awarded by the commission for a
38 public works project is to award the contract to a contractor who:
- 39 (1) employs residents of Indiana as at least ninety percent
40 (90%) of the employees who work on the contract; and
- 41 (2) enters into subcontracts only with subcontractors who
42 employ residents of Indiana as at least ninety percent (90%)



of the employees who work on the subcontract.

SECTION 9. IC 14-28-1-22, AS AMENDED BY P.L.195-2017, SECTION 45, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 22. (a) As used in subsection (b)(1) with respect to a stream, "total length" means the length of the stream, expressed in miles, from the confluence of the stream with the receiving stream to the upstream or headward extremity of the stream, as indicated by the solid or dashed, blue or purple line depicting the stream on the most current edition of the seven and one-half (7 1/2) minute topographic quadrangle map published by the United States Geological Survey, measured along the meanders of the stream as depicted on the map.

(b) This section does not apply to the following:

(1) A reconstruction or maintenance project (as defined in IC 36-9-27) on a stream or an open regulated drain if the total length of the stream or open drain is not more than ten (10) miles.

(2) A construction or reconstruction project on a state or county highway bridge in a rural area that crosses a stream having an upstream drainage area of not more than fifty (50) square miles and the relocation of utility lines associated with the construction or reconstruction project if confined to an area not more than one hundred (100) feet from the limits of the highway construction right-of-way.

(3) The performance of an activity described in subsection (c)(1) or (c)(2) by a surface coal mining operation that is operated under a permit issued under IC 14-34.

(4) Any other activity that is determined by the commission, according to rules adopted under IC 4-22-2, to pose not more than a minimal threat to floodway areas.

(5) An activity in a boundary river floodway to which section 26.5 of this chapter applies.

(6) The removal of a logjam or mass of wood debris that has accumulated in a river or stream, subject to the following conditions:

(A) Work must not be within a salmonid stream designated under 327 IAC 2-1.5-5 without the prior written approval of the department's division of fish and wildlife.

(B) Work must not be within a natural, scenic, or recreational river or stream designated under 312 IAC 7-2.

(C) Except as otherwise provided in Indiana law, free logs or affixed logs that are crossways in the channel must be cut, relocated, and removed from the floodplain. Logs may be maintained in the floodplain if properly anchored or otherwise



- 1 secured so as to resist flotation or dislodging by the flow of
 2 water and placement in an area that is not a wetland. Logs
 3 must be removed and secured with a minimum of damage to
 4 vegetation.
- 5 (D) Isolated or single logs that are embedded, lodged, or
 6 rooted in the channel, and that do not span the channel or
 7 cause flow problems, must not be removed unless the logs are
 8 either of the following:
- 9 (i) Associated with or in close proximity to larger
 10 obstructions.
- 11 (ii) Posing a hazard to navigation.
- 12 (E) A leaning or severely damaged tree that is in immediate
 13 danger of falling into the waterway may be cut and removed if
 14 the tree is associated with or in close proximity to an
 15 obstruction. The root system and stump of the tree must be left
 16 in place.
- 17 (F) To the extent practicable, the construction of access roads
 18 must be minimized, and should not result in the elevation of
 19 the floodplain.
- 20 (G) To the extent practicable, work should be performed
 21 exclusively from one (1) side of a waterway. Crossing the bed
 22 of a waterway is prohibited.
- 23 (H) To prevent the flow of sediment laden water back into the
 24 waterway, appropriate sediment control measures must be
 25 installed.
- 26 (I) Within fifteen (15) days, all bare and disturbed areas must
 27 be revegetated with a mixture of grasses and legumes. Tall
 28 fescue must not be used under this subdivision, except that low
 29 endophyte tall fescue may be used in the bottom of the
 30 waterway and on side slopes.
- 31 (c) A person who desires to:
- 32 (1) erect, make, use, or maintain a structure, an obstruction, a
 33 deposit, or an excavation; or
- 34 (2) suffer or permit a structure, an obstruction, a deposit, or an
 35 excavation to be erected, made, used, or maintained;
- 36 in or on a floodway must file with the director a verified written
 37 application for a permit accompanied by a nonrefundable minimum fee
 38 of two hundred dollars (\$200).
- 39 (d) The application for a permit must set forth the material facts
 40 together with plans and specifications for the structure, obstruction,
 41 deposit, or excavation.
- 42 (e) An applicant must receive a permit from the director for the



1 work before beginning construction. The director shall issue a permit
 2 only if in the opinion of the director the applicant has clearly proven
 3 that the structure, obstruction, deposit, or excavation will not do any of
 4 the following:

- 5 (1) Adversely affect the efficiency of or unduly restrict the
 6 capacity of the floodway.
- 7 (2) Constitute an unreasonable hazard to the safety of life or
 8 property.
- 9 (3) Result in unreasonably detrimental effects upon fish, wildlife,
 10 or botanical resources.

11 (f) In deciding whether to issue a permit under this section, the
 12 director shall consider the cumulative effects of the structure,
 13 obstruction, deposit, or excavation. The director may incorporate in and
 14 make a part of an order of authorization conditions and restrictions that
 15 the director considers necessary for the purposes of this chapter.

16 (g) A permit issued under this section:

- 17 (1) is valid for two (2) years after the issuance of the permit; and
- 18 (2) to:
 - 19 (A) the Indiana department of transportation or a county
 - 20 highway department if there is any federal funding for the
 - 21 project; or
 - 22 (B) an electric utility for the construction of a power
 - 23 generating facility;

24 is valid for five (5) years from the date of issuance.

25 A permit that is active and was issued under subdivision (1) before July
 26 1, 2014, is valid for two (2) years beginning July 2014, and a permit
 27 that is active and was issued under subdivision (2) before July 1, 2014,
 28 is valid for five (5) years beginning July 2014.

29 (h) A permit issued under:

- 30 (1) subsection (g)(1) may be renewed one (1) time for a period not
 31 to exceed two (2) additional years; and
- 32 (2) subsection (g)(2) may be renewed one (1) time for a period not
 33 to exceed five (5) additional years.

34 (i) The director shall send a copy of each permit issued under this
 35 section to each river basin commission organized under:

- 36 (1) IC 14-29-7 or IC 13-2-27 (before its repeal); or
- 37 (2) **IC 14-13-19**, IC 14-30-1 (**before its repeal**), or IC 36-7-6
 38 (before its repeal);

39 that is affected.

40 (j) The permit holder shall post and maintain a permit issued under
 41 this section at the authorized site.

42 (k) For the purposes of this chapter, the lowest floor of a building,



1 including a residence or abode, that is to be constructed or
 2 reconstructed in the one hundred (100) year floodplain of an area
 3 protected by a levee that is:

- 4 (1) inspected; and
- 5 (2) found to be in good or excellent condition;

6 by the United States Army Corps of Engineers shall not be lower than
 7 the one hundred (100) year frequency flood elevation plus one (1) foot.

8 SECTION 10. IC 14-28-1-24, AS AMENDED BY P.L.195-2017,
 9 SECTION 46, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 10 [[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 24. (a) This section does not apply
 11 to the reconstruction of a residence located in a boundary river
 12 floodway.

13 (b) A person may not begin the reconstruction of an abode or a
 14 residence that is located in a floodway and is substantially damaged (as
 15 defined in 44 CFR 59.1, as in effect on January 1, 1993) unless the
 16 person has:

- 17 (1) obtained a permit under this section or section 26.5 of this
 18 chapter; or
- 19 (2) demonstrated to the department through the submission of
 20 material facts, plans, and specifications that the material used to
 21 elevate the reconstructed abode or residence:
 22 (A) does not extend beyond the original foundation of the
 23 abode or residence; and
 24 (B) meets the criteria set forth in subsection (d)(2) through
 25 (d)(7).

26 (c) A person who desires to reconstruct an abode or a residence that
 27 does not meet the requirements under subsection (b)(2) must file with
 28 the director a verified written application for a permit accompanied by
 29 a nonrefundable minimum fee of fifty dollars (\$50). An application
 30 submitted under this section must do the following:

- 31 (1) Set forth the material facts concerning the proposed
 32 reconstruction.
- 33 (2) Include the plans and specifications for the reconstruction.

34 (d) The director may issue a permit to an applicant under this
 35 section only if the applicant has clearly proven all of the following:

- 36 (1) The abode or residence will be reconstructed:
 37 (A) in the area of the original foundation and in substantially
 38 the same configuration as the former abode or residence; or
 39 (B) in a location that is, as determined by the director, safer
 40 than the location of the original foundation.
- 41 (2) The lowest floor elevation of the abode or residence as
 42 reconstructed, including the basement, will be at least two (2) feet



1 above the one hundred (100) year flood elevation.

2 (3) The abode or residence will be designed or modified and
3 adequately anchored to prevent flotation, collapse, or lateral
4 movement of the structure resulting from hydrodynamic and
5 hydrostatic loads, including the effects of buoyancy.

6 (4) The abode or residence will be reconstructed with materials
7 resistant to flood damage.

8 (5) The abode or residence will be reconstructed by methods and
9 practices that minimize flood damages.

10 (6) The abode or residence will be reconstructed with electrical,
11 heating, ventilation, plumbing, and air conditioning equipment
12 and other service facilities that are designed and located to
13 prevent water from entering or accumulating within the
14 components during conditions of flooding.

15 (7) The abode or residence, as reconstructed, will comply with the
16 minimum requirements for floodplain management set forth in 44
17 CFR Part 60, as in effect on January 1, 1993.

18 (e) When granting a permit under this section, the director may
19 establish and incorporate into the permit certain conditions and
20 restrictions that the director considers necessary for the purposes of this
21 chapter.

22 (f) A permit issued by the director under this section is void if the
23 reconstruction authorized by the permit is not commenced within two
24 (2) years after the permit is issued.

25 (g) The director shall send a copy of each permit issued under this
26 section to each river basin commission organized under:

27 (1) IC 14-29-7 or IC 13-2-27 (before its repeal); or

28 (2) **IC 14-13-9**, IC 14-30-1 (**before its repeal**), or IC 36-7-6
29 (before its repeal);

30 that is affected by the permit.

31 (h) The person to whom a permit is issued under this section shall
32 post and maintain the permit at the site of the reconstruction authorized
33 by the permit.

34 (i) A person who knowingly:

35 (1) begins the reconstruction of an abode or a residence in
36 violation of subsection (b);

37 (2) violates a condition or restriction of a permit issued under this
38 section; or

39 (3) fails to post and maintain a permit at a reconstruction site in
40 violation of subsection (h);

41 commits a Class B infraction. Each day that the person is in violation
42 of subsection (b), the permit, or subsection (h) constitutes a separate



1 infraction.
2 SECTION 11. IC 14-30-1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
3 2019]. (Kankakee River Basin Commission).



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Select Committee on Government Reduction, to which was referred House Bill 1270, 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 2, delete lines 41 through 42.

Delete pages 3 through 9

Page 10, delete lines 1 through 25, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(b) The governor shall appoint the member described in section 8(a)(1) of this chapter effective July 1, 2019. The term of a member appointed under this subsection begins on July 1, 2019, and the member serves a four (4) year term as provided in section 11 of this chapter.

(c) The county executive from each respective county shall appoint the member described in section 8(a)(2) from each of the following counties effective July 1, 2019:

- (1) LaPorte.**
- (2) Marshall.**
- (3) Porter.**
- (4) Starke.**

The term of a member initially appointed under this subsection begins on July 1, 2019.

(d) Notwithstanding section 11 of this chapter, the term of a member appointed under subsection (c) is two (2) years. After July 1, 2021, the term of a member appointed from a county described in subsection (c) is four (4) years in accordance with section 11 of this chapter.

(e) The county executive from each respective county shall appoint the member described in section 8(a)(2) from each of the following counties effective July 1, 2019:

- (1) Jasper.**
- (2) Lake.**
- (3) Newton.**
- (4) St. Joseph.**

A member appointed to an initial term under this subsection begins the member's term on July 1, 2019, and serves a four (4) year term as provided in section 11 of this chapter.

(f) On July 1, 2019, all powers, duties, agreements, and liabilities of the Kankakee River basin commission are transferred to the commission.

(g) On July 1, 2019, all records and property, including

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appropriations and other funds, under the control of the Kankakee River basin commission are transferred to the commission.

(h) Employees of the Kankakee River basin commission on June 30, 2019, become employees of the commission on July 1, 2019, without change in compensation, seniority, or benefits and are entitled to have their service under the commission included for purposes of computing any applicable employment and retirement benefits.

(i) After June 30, 2019, a reference to the Kankakee River basin commission in any statute, rule, or other document is considered a reference to the commission.

(j) This section expires July 1, 2024.

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "basin" refers to the Kankakee River basin.

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the Kankakee River basin development commission established by this chapter.

Sec. 3. (a) As used in this chapter, "Kankakee River basin" means the area in Jasper County, LaPorte County, Lake County, Marshall County, Newton County, Porter County, St. Joseph County, and Starke County that is drained by the Kankakee River and tributaries of the Kankakee River in Indiana.

(b) The term includes the following:

(1) The area in Kankakee County and Iroquois County in Illinois that is drained by the Kankakee River and the tributaries of the Kankakee River in Illinois.

(2) The Yellow River basin.

Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "Yellow River basin" means the area in Marshall County, Starke County, and St. Joseph County that is drained by the Yellow River in Indiana.

Sec. 5. The Kankakee River basin development commission is established as a public body corporate and politic.

Sec. 6. The exercise of the powers granted by this chapter is for the benefit of the people of Indiana and for the increase of their commerce, health, enjoyment, and prosperity. The operation, creation, development, and maintenance of the projects by the commission constitute the performance of essential governmental functions.

Sec. 7. The commission shall limit the commission's activities to the Kankakee River basin.

Sec. 8. (a) The commission consists of the following individuals:

(1) One (1) representative appointed by the governor, who is



a voting member.

(2) One (1) representative appointed by the county executive of each county in the basin in Indiana, who is a voting member.

(b) A member appointed under subsection (a)(2) must reside in the Indiana county within the basin for which the member is appointed.

Sec. 9. (a) The commission may invite the executives of the counties located in the basin in Illinois to appoint one (1) member who meets the qualifications described in section 10 of this chapter to the commission.

(b) If a member is appointed under this section, the member serves as a nonvoting advisory member of the commission.

(c) If a member is appointed under this section, the member:

(1) is not entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses or a salary per diem as provided in section 16 of this chapter; and

(2) may not be elected as an officer of the commission as provided in section 13 of this chapter.

Sec. 10. Each member of the commission appointed under section 8(a) of this chapter must have a background in:

- (1) construction;
- (2) project management;
- (3) flood control;
- (4) drainage; or
- (5) another similar professional background.

Sec. 11. The term of office of a member of the commission is four (4) years and continues until a successor is appointed.

Sec. 12. (a) An individual who is appointed to the commission is eligible for reappointment.

(b) If a vacancy occurs in the position of a member of the commission, the authority that appointed the member shall appoint a new member to fill the vacancy in the same way that the member to be replaced was appointed.

(c) If an appointee is appointed to serve an unexpired term, the appointee serves only until the end of the unexpired term.

Sec. 13. (a) This section does not apply to a member appointed under section 9 of this chapter.

(b) The commission shall elect the following officers:

- (1) A chairman.
- (2) A vice chairman.
- (3) A secretary.



(4) A treasurer.

(c) The:

(1) terms of the officers elected under subsection (b) may not exceed one (1) year; and

(2) officers are eligible for reelection.

(d) The commission may establish and fill other offices the commission considers necessary.

(e) Each officer of the commission shall perform the duties usually pertaining to the office.

Sec. 14. The commission shall meet:

(1) at least four (4) times per calendar year; and

(2) on the call of any of the following:

(A) The chairman.

(B) The executive director.

(C) A quorum of the members of the commission.

Sec. 15. (a) The following rules apply to proceedings of the commission:

(1) Five (5) voting members constitute a quorum.

(2) At least five (5) affirmative votes are required for the commission to take action.

(3) The commission shall keep a record of the commission's resolutions, transactions, and findings. This record is a public record.

(b) The commission may adopt additional rules for the transaction of business.

Sec. 16. (a) This section does not apply to a member appointed under section 9 of this chapter.

(b) Each commission member is entitled to reimbursement for traveling and other expenses as provided in the state travel policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

(c) Each appointed commission member is entitled to the minimum salary per diem as provided in IC 4-10-11-2.1(b).

Sec. 17. (a) The commission:

(1) shall coordinate the development of the basin; and

(2) may request assistance of the regional planning commissions affected in the preparation of a comprehensive development plan for the basin.

(b) All planning and development programs of the commission must be approved by the following:

(1) Each regional planning commission affected.

(2) The department.



Sec. 18. The commission may do the following:

- (1) Conduct all studies necessary for the performance of the commission's duties.
- (2) Publicize, advertise, and distribute reports on the commission's purposes, objectives, and findings.
- (3) When requested, provide recommendations in matters related to the commission's functions and objectives to the following:
 - (A) Political subdivisions in the basin.
 - (B) Other public and private agencies.
- (4) When requested, act as a coordinating agency for programs and activities of other public and private agencies that are related to the commission's objectives.

Sec. 19. (a) The commission may receive grants and appropriations from the following:

- (1) Federal, state, and local governments.
 - (2) Individuals, foundations, and other organizations.
- (b) The commission may enter into agreements or contracts regarding the acceptance or use of these grants and appropriations for the purpose of carrying out the commission's activities under this chapter.
- (c) The commission must expend money appropriated to the commission for the purpose for which the money is appropriated.

Sec. 20. (a) The commission may:

- (1) acquire and dispose of real or personal property by grant, gift, purchase, lease, devise, or otherwise; and
 - (2) hold, use, improve, maintain, operate, own, manage, or lease as lessor or lessee real or personal property or any interest in that property;
- for the purposes prescribed by this chapter.

(b) The commission may exercise the powers granted by this section for the development of the water resources of the basin.

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individual who is not the county surveyor, then the county surveyor is a member of any advisory committee. A member of an advisory committee is not entitled to compensation for the member's services.

Sec. 24. (a) The counties in the basin may budget, appropriate, and disburse an aggregate amount not to exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) per year to carry out the purposes of the commission under this chapter. The appropriation shall be apportioned among the counties in the basin in direct relationship to the amount of land area lying within the basin boundaries.

(b) The department shall certify the boundaries and the drainage area of each county within the basin after consultation with the respective county surveyors and the United States Army Corps of Engineers. The determination and certification shall be prepared before submission of budgets to the appropriating bodies so that the correct amount can be appropriated.

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(d) The commission is responsible for the safekeeping and deposit of money the commission receives under this chapter. The state board of accounts shall:

(1) prescribe the methods and forms for keeping; and

(2) periodically audit;

the accounts, records, and books of the commission.

(e) The treasurer of the commission may receive, disburse, and handle money belonging to the commission, subject to the following:



- (1) Applicable statutes.**
- (2) Procedures established by the commission."**

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1270 as introduced.)

GUTWEIN

Committee Vote: yeas 11, nays 0.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Local Government, to which was referred House Bill No. 1270, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Delete the amendment adopted by the Senate Committee on Local Government on March 21, 2019.

Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 1. IC 5-1.2-2-54, AS ADDED BY P.L.189-2018, SECTION 25, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 54. "Participant" means the following:

- (1) For purposes of the wastewater program established under IC 5-1.2-10:
 - (A) a political subdivision; or
 - (B) any person, entity, association, trust, or other manner of participant allowed by law to enter contractual arrangements for a purpose eligible for assistance under the federal Clean Water Act.
- (2) For purposes of the drinking water program established under IC 5-1.2-10:
 - (A) a political subdivision; or
 - (B) any person, entity, association, trust, or other manner of participant allowed by law to enter contractual arrangements for a purpose eligible for assistance under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.
- (3) For purposes of the supplemental program established under IC 5-1.2-11, the Indiana brownfields program established under IC 5-1.2-12, the flood control program established under IC 5-1.2-13, and the water infrastructure assistance program

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established under IC 5-1.2-14:

(A) a political subdivision; ~~or~~

(B) the Kankakee River basin and Yellow River basin development commission established by IC 14-13-9-6; or

~~(B)~~ (C) any person, entity, association, trust, or other manner of participant allowed by law to enter contractual arrangements for a purpose eligible for assistance under those chapters.

(4) For purposes of the local transportation infrastructure program established under IC 5-1.2-15:

(A) a political subdivision;

(B) an agency, authority, department, instrumentality, or body corporate and politic acting on behalf of a political subdivision; or

(C) a regional authority, instrumentality, or body corporate and politic acting on behalf of one (1) or more entities described in clause (A) or (B).

SECTION 2. IC 5-1.2-13-12, AS ADDED BY P.L.189-2018, SECTION 25, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 12. **(a) Except as provided in subsection (b),** a participant receiving a loan or other financial assistance under:

(1) this chapter;

(2) IC 13-2-23 (before its repeal); or

(3) IC 14-28-5 (before its repeal);

may levy an annual tax on personal and real property located within the geographical limits of the participant for flood control purposes. The tax is in addition to any other tax authorized by law to be levied for flood control purposes. The tax shall be levied at the rate that will produce sufficient revenue to pay the annual installment and interest on a loan or other financial assistance made under this chapter, under IC 13-2-23 (before its repeal), or under IC 14-28-5 (before its repeal). The tax at the rate authorized in this section is in addition to the maximum annual rates prescribed by law.

(b) This subsection applies to the participation of the Kankakee River basin and Yellow River basin development commission. If the commission receives a loan or other financial assistance under this chapter, the commission must pay the annual installment and interest on the loan or other financial assistance from any combination of the direct support payments received under IC 14-13-9-21, the proceeds of special assessments imposed under IC 14-13-9-21, or other funds of the commission deemed acceptable by the authority.



SECTION 3. IC 13-14-1-18 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: **Sec. 18. The department shall coordinate with the department of natural resources and other state agencies to simplify the state permitting process with respect to the flood control activities of the Kankakee River basin and Yellow River basin development commission under IC 14-13-9. The department and other agencies shall assist each other in:**

- (1) reducing the number of applications and other interactions required to obtain necessary permits; and**
- (2) avoiding imposing conflicting requirements upon the commission in issuing permits to the commission."**

Page 2, between lines 32 and 33, begin a new paragraph and insert:
"SECTION 7. IC 14-11-1-9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: **Sec. 9. The department shall coordinate with the department of environmental management and other state agencies to simplify the state permitting process with respect to the flood control activities of the Kankakee River basin and Yellow River basin development commission under IC 14-13-9. The department and other agencies shall assist each other in:**

- (1) reducing the number of applications and other interactions required to obtain necessary permits; and**
- (2) avoiding imposing conflicting requirements upon the commission in issuing permits to the commission."**

Page 2, line 36, after "Basin" insert "**and Yellow River Basin**".

Page 2, line 42, delete "8(a)(1)" and insert "**9(a)(1)**".

Page 3, line 2, delete "11" and insert "**12**".

Page 3, line 5, delete "8(a)(2)" and insert "**9(a)(2)**".

Page 3, line 13, delete "11" and insert "**12**".

Page 3, line 16, delete "11" and insert "**12**".

Page 3, line 19, delete "8(a)(2)" and insert "**9(a)(2)**".

Page 3, line 27, delete "11" and insert "**12**".

Page 3, line 34, delete "Employees" and insert "**The executive director and employees**".

Page 4, line 3, after "basin" insert "**and the Yellow River basin**".

Page 4, line 5, after "basin" insert "**and Yellow River basin**".

Page 4, delete lines 7 through 16, begin a new paragraph and insert:
"Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "Kankakee River basin" means the following areas drained by the Kankakee River and the tributaries of the Kankakee River:

- (1) The area in Jasper County, LaPorte County, Lake County,**



Marshall County, Newton County, Porter County, St. Joseph County, and Starke County that is drained by the Kankakee River and the tributaries of the Kankakee River in Indiana.

(2) The area in Kankakee County and Iroquois County in Illinois that is drained by the Kankakee River and the tributaries of the Kankakee River in Illinois.

Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "taxable parcel" refers to a parcel that is not exempt from property taxation under IC 6-1.1-10."

Page 4, line 17, delete "4" and insert "5".

Page 4, line 20, delete "5" and insert "6".

Page 4, line 20, after "basin" insert "**and Yellow River basin**".

Page 4, line 22, delete "6" and insert "7".

Page 4, line 28, delete "7" and insert "8".

Page 4, line 29, after "basin" delete "." and insert "**and the Yellow River basin.**".

Page 4, line 30, delete "8" and insert "9".

Page 4, between lines 35 and 36, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(b) The county executive of each county in the basin in Indiana shall appoint a member to represent the county before September 1, 2019. If a county executive fails to make the appointment before September 1, 2019, the county surveyor of that county shall assume the position on September 1, 2019, and serve the term of office prescribed by section 12 of this chapter."

Page 4, line 36, delete "(b)" and insert "(c)".

Page 4, line 39, delete "9" and insert "10".

Page 4, line 41, delete "10" and insert "11".

Page 5, line 5, delete "16" and insert "17".

Page 5, line 8, delete "13" and insert "14".

Page 5, line 9, delete "10" and insert "11".

Page 5, line 10, delete "8(a)" and insert "9(a)".

Page 5, line 16, delete "11" and insert "12".

Page 5, line 18, delete "12" and insert "13".

Page 5, line 26, delete "13" and insert "14".

Page 5, line 27, delete "9" and insert "10".

Page 5, line 41, delete "14" and insert "15".

Page 6, line 5, delete "15" and insert "16".

Page 6, line 15, delete "16" and insert "17".

Page 6, line 16, delete "9" and insert "10".

Page 6, line 23, delete "17" and insert "18".

Page 6, delete lines 24 through 31, begin a new line block indented and insert:



"(1) shall develop a plan regarding flood control and drainage within the basin;

(2) shall, after June 30, 2019, have exclusive authority to implement drainage and flood control activities within the channels of the Kankakee River and the Yellow River and within the area extending seventy-five (75) feet from the top of each bank of each river;

(3) may participate in the flood control program established under IC 5-1.2-13; and

(4) may acquire interests in land, including easements, for the commission's use in:

(A) providing flood storage; and

(B) the construction of levees and other flood control improvements.

(b) The commission's exclusive authority to implement drainage and flood control activities under subsection (a)(2) includes the authority to do the following:

(1) Bank stabilization.

(2) Tree removal.

(3) The construction and operation of sand traps.

(4) Channel reconstruction.

(5) Sediment removal.

(6) Acquire, construct, and maintain access roads to levees and the channel of each river.

(7) Other actions considered necessary by the commission to carry out this chapter."

Page 6, line 32, delete "18" and insert "19".

Page 7, line 3, delete "19" and insert "20".

Page 7, between lines 12 and 13, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"Sec. 21. (a) The commission is authorized to provide special benefits to taxpayers in the basin by promoting public safety and economic development that is of public use and benefit through public funds provided by the fiscal bodies of the Indiana counties located in the basin and special assessments imposed under subsection (b). A county fiscal body may adopt a resolution opting to pay direct support to the commission in lieu of imposing a special assessment under subsection (b). Payments of direct support:

(1) must be paid in calendar years beginning after December 31, 2019;

(2) must be made in an amount equal to at least ninety percent (90%) of the amount that the county could raise through the



imposition of special assessments under this section; and
 (3) are due at the same time special assessments are paid to the commission under section 22(e) of this chapter.

(b) Unless the county fiscal body adopts a resolution under subsection (a) to provide direct support to the commission, the fiscal body of each Indiana county within the basin shall impose in each calendar year beginning after December 31, 2019, an annual special assessment against each taxable parcel of real property that is located within:

- (1) the county; and
- (2) the basin.

(c) The special assessment for each taxable parcel must be imposed as follows:

- (1) For a residential parcel of real property, seven dollars (\$7).
- (2) For an agricultural parcel of real property, the product of:
 - (A) one dollar (\$1); multiplied by
 - (B) the number of acres in the parcel.
- (3) For a commercial parcel of real property on which no structures are situated, the product of:
 - (A) two dollars (\$2); multiplied by
 - (B) the number of acres in the parcel.
- (4) For a commercial parcel of real property on which at least one (1) structure is situated, fifty dollars (\$50).
- (5) For an industrial or public utility parcel of real property, three hundred sixty dollars (\$360).

Sec. 22. (a) In each calendar year beginning after December 31, 2019, the county treasurer shall do the following with respect to the property tax statement of a person owning a taxable parcel subject to a special assessment imposed under section 21 of this chapter:

- (1) Add the amount of the special assessment.
- (2) Designate the special assessment in a manner distinct from general taxes.
- (3) Indicate that the full annual assessment is due in the year the statement is sent.

(b) A special assessment imposed under section 21 of this chapter must be collected in the same manner as other special assessments are collected under IC 6-1.1. However, a delinquent special assessment is not subject to enforcement under IC 6-1.1-24 and IC 6-1.1-25. The following apply to the enforcement of a special assessment:

- (1) The assessment is not the personal obligation of the owner



of the taxable parcel affected by the assessment.

(2) A special assessment constitutes a lien against the taxable parcel.

(3) The lien described in subdivision (2) is superior to all other liens except tax liens and first lien mortgages.

(c) At the time of each annual tax settlement, the county treasurer shall certify to the county auditor the amount of the special assessments collected.

(d) For calendar years beginning after December 31, 2019, and ending before January 1, 2022, the county auditor shall pay the total amount of the special assessments collected by the county treasurer under this section to the commission for deposit under section 25 of this chapter. For calendar years beginning after December 31, 2021, the county auditor shall:

(1) pay ninety percent (90%) of the special assessments collected by the county treasurer under this section to the commission for deposit under section 25 of this chapter; and

(2) retain ten percent (10%) of the special assessments collected by the county treasurer for the county's use under section 24 of this chapter.

(e) The county auditor shall make the payments to the commission required by subsection (d) on the dates of the June and December settlement and apportionment of property taxes collected under IC 6-1.1.

Sec. 23. (a) If:

(1) a county fails to pay direct support or special assessments to the commission when due under section 21 or 22 of this chapter; and

(2) more than thirty (30) days have elapsed since the due date; the commission shall notify the auditor of state of the county's failure to pay and the amount due from the county. The commission may request that the auditor of state pay the amount due from local income taxes otherwise distributable to the county under IC 6-3.6. The auditor of state shall immediately contact the county auditor and the commission to confirm whether the county is unable to make the required payment. Upon confirming the county's inability to make the payment, the auditor of state shall deduct the amount due from the next distribution of local income taxes payable to the county under IC 6-3.6.

(b) This section must be interpreted liberally to ensure that the obligations of the commission are paid to the extent legally valid. However, this section does not create a debt of the state.



Sec. 24. A county shall use money retained under section 22(d) of this chapter to improve flood storage capacity along the tributaries of the Kankakee River and the Yellow River.

Sec. 25. (a) The commission shall deposit special assessments received under section 22 of this chapter into a segregated account maintained by the commission. Except as provided in subsection (b), special assessments deposited into the account may not be transferred into other accounts belonging to the commission. Money in the account may be used only for the following purposes:

(1) To pay expenses directly related to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of real property, a facility, a betterment, or an improvement constituting part of a project of the commission, including acquisition of the site for a project.

(2) To pay expenses directly related to the operation, repair, and maintenance of flood protection systems within the basin.

(3) To pay the annual installment and interest on a loan or other financial assistance received under IC 5-1.2-13.

(b) The commission shall establish an account for reimbursing landowners for damages incurred through the use of the landowners' land for flood storage. The account consists of money transferred from the segregated account described in subsection (a). The commission may transfer amounts considered appropriate by the commission."

Page 7, line 13, delete "20" and insert "26".

Page 7, line 22, delete "21" and insert "27".

Page 7, line 23, delete "22" and insert "28".

Page 7, delete lines 28 through 35, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"Sec. 29. (a) There is established an advisory committee consisting of:

(1) the north-northwest regional director of the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts; and

(2) the county surveyor of each Indiana county within the basin.

However, a county surveyor may not be a member of the advisory committee if the county surveyor represents the county on the commission. The county executive of a county represented on the commission by the county surveyor shall appoint an individual other than the county surveyor to represent the county on the advisory committee.

(b) The commission may appoint other advisory committees



consisting of individuals whose experience, training, or interest in the program enables the individuals to assist the commission.

(c) A member of an advisory committee is not entitled to compensation for the member's services."

Page 7, line 36, delete "24" and insert "30".

Page 8, line 9, delete "25" and insert "31".

Page 8, between lines 31 and 32, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"Sec. 32. The commission shall coordinate its flood control activities with the department and other public agencies to ensure that undeveloped public land is used for providing flood storage to the greatest extent feasible before other lands are used.

Sec. 33. (a) As used in this section, "out-of-state business" refers to a business that is not an Indiana business.

(b) The commission may give a preference to an Indiana business that submits a bid under this article if all of the following apply:

- (1) An out-of-state business submits a bid.**
- (2) The out-of-state business is a business from a state that gives public works preferences unfavorable to Indiana businesses.**

(c) The commission shall establish criteria for determining the following:

- (1) Whether a bidder qualifies as an Indiana business under the rules.**
- (2) When another state's preference is unfavorable to Indiana businesses.**
- (3) The method by which the preference for Indiana businesses is to be computed.**

(d) The commission may not give a preference to an Indiana business that is more favorable to the Indiana business than the other state's preference is to the other state's businesses.

Sec. 34. (a) As used in this section, "resident of Indiana" means a person who is at least eighteen (18) years of age and is one (1) of the following:

- (1) A person who has registered a motor vehicle in Indiana.**
- (2) A person who is registered to vote in Indiana.**
- (3) A person who has a child enrolled in an elementary or a secondary school located in Indiana.**
- (4) A person who derives more than one-half (1/2) of the person's gross income (as defined in Section 61 of the Internal Revenue Code) from sources in Indiana, according to the provisions applicable to determining the source of adjusted**



gross income that are set forth in IC 6-3-2-2. However, a person who would otherwise be considered a resident of Indiana under this subdivision is not a resident of Indiana if a preponderance of the evidence concerning the factors set forth in subdivisions (1) through (3) proves that the person is not a resident of Indiana.

(b) When entering a bid under this chapter for a public works project, each contractor shall provide the commission with information on the number of residents of Indiana who will be employed by the contractor and the number of residents of Indiana who will be employed by any subcontractor of the contractor.

(c) The goal for a contract awarded by the commission for a public works project is to award the contract to a contractor who:

- (1) employs residents of Indiana as at least ninety percent (90%) of the employees who work on the contract; and
- (2) enters into subcontracts only with subcontractors who employ residents of Indiana as at least ninety percent (90%) of the employees who work on the subcontract."

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass and be reassigned to the Senate Committee on Tax and Fiscal Policy.

(Reference is to HB 1270 as printed January 17, 2019, and amended by the Senate Committee on Local Government on March 21, 2019.)

BUCK, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Tax and Fiscal Policy, to which was referred House Bill No. 1270, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 10, line 9, delete "in lieu of imposing a" and insert "**or a resolution to impose an annual special assessment against each parcel of real property that is located both within the county and within the basin.**"

Page 10, line 10, delete "special assessment under subsection (b)."

Page 10, line 19, delete "Unless the" and insert "**If each**".

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Page 10, line 19, delete "resolution under" and insert "**resolution:**
(1) authorizing the imposition of a special assessment; or
(2) opting to pay the direct support to the commission;
the fiscal body of each Indiana county within the basin may impose, in each calendar year, beginning with the first calendar year after each fiscal body has adopted a resolution described in subdivision (1) or (2), an annual special assessment against each taxable parcel of real property that is located both within the county and within the basin."

Page 10, delete lines 20 through 26.

Page 10, line 42, delete "after December 31," and insert "**with the first calendar year after each fiscal body has adopted a resolution as described in section 21(b) of this chapter,**".

Page 11, line 1, delete "2019,".

Page 11, line 24, delete "calendar years beginning after December 31, 2019, and" and insert "**the first three (3) calendar years beginning after each fiscal body has adopted a resolution as described in section 21(b) of this chapter,**".

Page 11, line 25, delete "ending before January 1, 2022,".

Page 11, line 28, delete "For calendar years beginning" and insert "**Beginning with the fourth calendar year, and for each subsequent calendar year, after each fiscal body has adopted a resolution as described in section 21(b) of this chapter,**".

Page 11, line 29, delete "December 31, 2021,".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to EHB 1270 as printed April 5, 2019.)

HOLDMAN, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0.

