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HOUSE BILL No. 1355

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Citations Affected: IC 6-1.1; IC 36-6; IC 36-6.1.

Synopsis: Township merger pilot program. Establishes a pilot program that provides for: (1) the merger of townships into a single township government in Blackford County and Switzerland County; and (2) the merger of townships into not more than two township governments in Crawford County.

Effective: July 1, 2023.

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HOUSE BILL No. 1355

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 6-1.1-18-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.38-2021,
2 SECTION 30, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 5. (a) If the proper officers of a political
4 subdivision desire to appropriate more money for a particular year than
5 the amount prescribed in the budget for that year as finally determined
6 under this article, they shall give notice of their proposed additional
7 appropriation. The notice shall state the time and place at which a
8 public hearing will be held on the proposal. The notice shall be given
9 once in accordance with IC 5-3-1-2(b).
10 (b) If the additional appropriation by the political subdivision is
11 made from a fund for which the budget, rate, or levy is certified by the
12 department of local government finance under IC 6-1.1-17-16, the
13 political subdivision must report the additional appropriation to the
14 department of local government finance in the manner prescribed by
15 the department of local government finance. If the additional
16 appropriation is made from a fund described under this subsection,
17 subsections (f), (g), (h), and (i) apply to the political subdivision.

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1 (c) However, if the additional appropriation is not made from a fund
2 described under subsection (b), subsections (f), (g), (h), and (i) do not
3 apply to the political subdivision. Subsections (f), (g), (h), and (i) do
4 not apply to an additional appropriation made from the cumulative
5 bridge fund if the appropriation meets the requirements under
6 IC 8-16-3-3(c).

7 (d) A political subdivision may make an additional appropriation
8 without approval of the department of local government finance if the
9 additional appropriation is made from a fund that is not described
10 under subsection (b). However, the fiscal officer of the political
11 subdivision shall report the additional appropriation to the department
12 of local government finance.

13 (e) Subject to subsections (j) and (k), after the public hearing, the
14 proper officers of the political subdivision shall file a certified copy of
15 their final proposal and any other relevant information to the
16 department of local government finance not later than fifteen (15) days
17 after the additional appropriation is adopted by the appropriate fiscal
18 body. If the additional appropriation is not submitted to the department
19 of local government finance within fifteen (15) days after adoption, the
20 department of local government finance may require the political
21 subdivision to conduct a readoption hearing.

22 (f) When the department of local government finance receives a
23 certified copy of a proposal for an additional appropriation under
24 subsection (e), the department shall determine whether sufficient funds
25 are available or will be available for the proposal. The determination
26 shall be made in writing and sent to the political subdivision not more
27 than fifteen (15) days after the department of local government finance
28 receives the proposal.

29 (g) In making the determination under subsection (f), the
30 department of local government finance shall limit the amount of the
31 additional appropriation to revenues available, or to be made available,
32 which have not been previously appropriated.

33 (h) If the department of local government finance disapproves an
34 additional appropriation under subsection (f), the department shall
35 specify the reason for its disapproval on the determination sent to the
36 political subdivision.

37 (i) A political subdivision may request a reconsideration of a
38 determination of the department of local government finance under this
39 section by filing a written request for reconsideration. A request for
40 reconsideration must:

- 41 (1) be filed with the department of local government finance
42 within fifteen (15) days of the receipt of the determination by the



1 political subdivision; and

2 (2) state with reasonable specificity the reason for the request.

3 The department of local government finance must act on a request for
4 reconsideration within fifteen (15) days of receiving the request.

5 (j) This subsection applies to an additional appropriation by a
6 political subdivision that must have the political subdivision's annual
7 appropriations and annual tax levy adopted by a city, town, or county
8 fiscal body under IC 6-1.1-17-20, ~~or~~ IC 36-1-23, **IC 36-6.1**, or by a
9 legislative or fiscal body under IC 36-3-6-9. The fiscal or legislative
10 body of the city, town, or county that adopted the political subdivision's
11 annual appropriation and annual tax levy must adopt the additional
12 appropriation by ordinance before the department of local government
13 finance may approve the additional appropriation.

14 (k) This subsection applies to a public library that is not required to
15 submit the public library's budgets, tax rates, and tax levies for binding
16 review and approval under IC 6-1.1-17-20 or IC 6-1.1-17-20.4. If a
17 public library subject to this subsection proposes to make an additional
18 appropriation for a year, and the additional appropriation would result
19 in the budget for the library for that year increasing (as compared to the
20 previous year) by a percentage that is greater than the result of the
21 maximum levy growth quotient determined under IC 6-1.1-18.5-2 for
22 the calendar year minus one (1), the additional appropriation must first
23 be approved by the city, town, or county fiscal body described in
24 IC 6-1.1-17-20.3(c) or IC 6-1.1-17-20.3(d), as appropriate.

25 (l) This subsection applies to an appropriation for which the
26 underlying purpose is a bond issue. The political subdivision shall
27 include the appropriation for the bond proceeds in the budget of the
28 political subdivision for the ensuing year adopted under IC 6-1.1-17.
29 If the political subdivision does not include the appropriation for the
30 bond proceeds as required by this subsection, the political subdivision
31 shall comply with the requirements of this section in the year in which
32 the bond proceeds are received, but may not take an action pursuant to
33 this section in a year before the year in which the bond proceeds are
34 received.

35 SECTION 2. IC 6-1.1-18.5-10.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
36 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
37 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: **Sec. 10.6. (a) This section applies only**
38 **to a new township government established by merger under**
39 **IC 36-6.1.**

40 **(b) Notwithstanding any other law, if a total tax rate levied upon**
41 **the formation of a new township government is to be implemented**
42 **over a number of years in accordance with IC 36-6.1-10-1, the**



1 maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy that would
 2 otherwise apply to the new township government under section 3
 3 of this chapter does not apply to ad valorem property taxes
 4 imposed by the new township government over the number of
 5 years in which the total tax rate is to be implemented under
 6 IC 36-6.1-10-1.

7 SECTION 3. IC 36-6-1.6-2.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 8 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 9 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: **Sec. 2.5. This chapter does not apply**
 10 **to a new township government that is established by merger under**
 11 **IC 36-6.1.**

12 SECTION 4. IC 36-6.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
 13 A NEW ARTICLE TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
 14 2023]:

15 **ARTICLE 6.1 TOWNSHIP MERGER PILOT PROGRAM**

16 **Chapter 1. Applicability**

17 **Sec. 1. This article applies only to the following counties:**

- 18 (1) Blackford County.
- 19 (2) Crawford County.
- 20 (3) Switzerland County.

21 **Chapter 2. Definitions**

22 **Sec. 1. The definitions in this chapter apply throughout this**
 23 **article.**

24 **Sec. 2. "Board" means a merger board established by**
 25 **IC 36-6.1-6-1.**

26 **Sec. 3. "Department" means the department of local**
 27 **government finance.**

28 **Sec. 4. "Former township government" means a township**
 29 **government that merges under this article.**

30 **Sec. 5. "New township government" means the township**
 31 **government that results from a merger under this article of former**
 32 **township governments.**

33 **Sec. 6. "Resolution" means the resolution ordering a merger**
 34 **adopted under this article that approves and contains the merger**
 35 **plan for a merger of townships.**

36 **Chapter 3. Pilot Program Established**

37 **Sec. 1. There is established a township merger pilot program.**

38 **Sec. 2. The pilot program is established for the following**
 39 **purposes:**

- 40 (1) Streamlining government.
- 41 (2) Improving efficiency and maintaining local control in the
- 42 delivery of township services.



1 (3) Allowing government to remain closest to the people.
2 (4) Allowing local decision making in the merger.
3 **Chapter 4. Blackford County and Switzerland County**
4 **Sec. 1. This chapter applies only to the following:**
5 (1) Blackford County.
6 (2) Switzerland County.
7 **Sec. 2. The board may prepare and adopt a merger plan under**
8 **this article that merges all of the township governments into one**
9 **(1) township government. For a merger to occur the:**
10 (1) township trustee; and
11 (2) majority of the members of the township board;
12 **of each township must adopt identical resolutions approving the**
13 **merger plan and ordering the merger of the township not later**
14 **than July 1, 2025.**
15 **Sec. 3. If:**
16 (1) a merger plan is not prepared or adopted by the merger
17 board; or
18 (2) a township does not adopt a resolution approving the
19 merger plan and ordering the merger of the township;
20 **the county executive may prepare a merger plan to merge all**
21 **townships within the county into one (1) township. For a merger to**
22 **occur, a resolution approving the merger plan and ordering the**
23 **merger of the townships must be approved not later than July 1,**
24 **2027, by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the**
25 **county executive and the county fiscal body.**
26 **Chapter 5. Crawford County**
27 **Sec. 1. This chapter applies only to Crawford County.**
28 **Sec. 2. The board may prepare and adopt a merger plan under**
29 **this article that merges all of the township governments into not**
30 **more than (2) township governments. For a merger to occur the:**
31 (1) township trustee; and
32 (2) majority of the members of the township board;
33 **of each township must adopt identical resolutions approving the**
34 **merger plan and ordering the merger of the township not later**
35 **than July 1, 2025.**
36 **Sec. 3. If:**
37 (1) a merger plan is not prepared or adopted by the board; or
38 (2) a township does not adopt a resolution approving the
39 merger plan ordering the merger of the township;
40 **the county executive may prepare a merger plan to merge all**
41 **townships within the county into not more than two (2) townships.**
42 **For a merger to occur, the resolution must be approved not later**



1 than July 1, 2027, by an affirmative vote of a majority of the
 2 members of the county executive and the county fiscal body.

3 **Chapter 6. Merger Board**

4 **Sec. 1.** On July 1, 2023, a merger board is established in each
 5 county.

6 **Sec. 2.** The board consists of:

- 7 (1) the trustees of all the townships in the county; and
 8 (2) one (1) member of the county executive, selected by the
 9 members of the county executive, to serve as chair.

10 **Sec. 3.** An affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members
 11 present is required for the board to take action. The chair may vote
 12 on matters before the board only in order to break a tie.

13 **Sec. 4.** The board:

- 14 (1) shall conduct public meetings regarding the merger of
 15 townships; and
 16 (2) may prepare a merger plan.

17 **Chapter 7. Meetings**

18 **Sec. 1.** This chapter applies to meetings of the board.

19 **Sec. 2.** All meetings of the board shall be open to the public in
 20 accordance with and subject to IC 5-14-1.5 (open door law).

21 **Sec. 3.** All records of the board are subject to the requirements
 22 of IC 5-14-3 (access to public records).

23 **Sec. 4.** The board shall hold its first meeting not later than
 24 August 1, 2023, and at the call of the chair.

25 **Sec. 5.** (a) The board shall hold at least two (2) public meetings
 26 before voting on the adoption of the resolution approving a merger
 27 plan. The board shall allow the public to provide oral comment at
 28 the initial meeting of the board and at least one (1) additional
 29 public meeting before voting on the adoption of the resolution
 30 approving the merger plan.

31 (b) The board may set a limit on the total amount of time for
 32 receiving oral public comment.

33 (c) The board may adopt reasonable rules to govern the taking
 34 of oral public comment at a meeting.

35 **Sec. 6.** A county executive is subject to the same requirements
 36 as a board under this chapter in conducting meetings and in
 37 preparing and adopting a resolution ordering a merger under:

- 38 (1) IC 36-6.1-4-3;
 39 (2) IC 36-6.1-5-3; or
 40 (3) IC 36-6.1-6-3.

41 **Chapter 8. Merger; Applicability of Statutes**

42 **Sec. 1.** Subject to IC 36-6.1-13-2, the following statutes apply to



- 1 a merger under this article:
- 2 (1) IC 36-6-1.5-5(d), IC 36-6-1.5-5(e), and IC 36-6-1.5-5(f).
- 3 (2) IC 36-6-1.5-7.
- 4 (3) IC 36-6-1.5-8.
- 5 (4) IC 36-6-1.5-9.
- 6 (5) IC 36-6-1.5-10.
- 7 (6) IC 36-6-1.5-11.
- 8 (7) IC 36-6-1.5-12.
- 9 **Sec. 2. A merger plan must include at least the following:**
- 10 (1) The proposed name of the new township.
- 11 (2) A description of the location of township offices.
- 12 (3) The disposition of the personnel, the agreements, the
- 13 assets, and the liabilities of the merging townships, including
- 14 the terms and conditions upon which the transfer of property
- 15 and personnel will be achieved.
- 16 (4) A description of the proposed standards under
- 17 IC 12-20-5.5 for township assistance.
- 18 **Sec. 3. (a) A merger takes effect on the date provided for in the**
- 19 **resolution. However, a merger may not take effect:**
- 20 (1) before March 1; or
- 21 (2) after April 30;
- 22 following the adoption of the resolution approving the merger.
- 23 (b) A merger may not take effect until the state board of
- 24 accounts has conducted an audit of each township subject to the
- 25 merger.
- 26 (c) An officer elected to represent the merged township
- 27 government shall be considered to be a resident of the territory
- 28 comprising the new township government.
- 29 **Sec. 4. Except as provided in IC 36-6.1-9-3, after the effective**
- 30 **date of the merger, and every year thereafter, a new township**
- 31 **government's:**
- 32 (1) annual budget;
- 33 (2) levy of township property taxes for township funds; and
- 34 (3) other additional appropriations;
- 35 are subject to review and approval by the department of local
- 36 government finance.
- 37 **Sec. 5. (a) As provided in IC 36-6-1.5-8, any bonds and other**
- 38 **indebtedness of, or assumed by, the former township governments**
- 39 **are transferred to the new township government on the effective**
- 40 **date of the merger. The new township government may provide**
- 41 **either of the following in its merger plan:**
- 42 (1) The new township government shall levy a tax to pay the



1 indebtedness within the entire geographic area comprising the
 2 new township government. However, the new township
 3 government may not assume all or a part of the indebtedness
 4 described in this subdivision that will exceed the limitations
 5 on the amount of indebtedness that the new township
 6 government may incur. To the extent that the new township
 7 government may not assume all or a part of the indebtedness
 8 described in this subdivision, the former township is not
 9 abolished and continues to exist as a taxing unit only for the
 10 purpose of levying property taxes necessary to pay the
 11 indebtedness that is not assumed by the new township
 12 government. After the indebtedness not assumed by the new
 13 township government has been paid, the former township is
 14 abolished.

15 (2) The new township government shall levy property taxes to
 16 pay township indebtedness or lease rental obligations
 17 incurred by a former township only in the geographic area of
 18 the former township that originally issued the debt or entered
 19 into the lease rental agreement. The territory of the former
 20 township comprises a taxing district for the payment of
 21 township indebtedness or lease rental obligations existing at
 22 the time of the merger. Once the indebtedness or obligation is
 23 paid, the taxing district is abolished.

24 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, to assume, defease, pay, or
 25 refund all or a part of the indebtedness described in this section,
 26 the new township government is not required to comply with any
 27 other statutory procedures or approvals that apply when a unit
 28 incurs indebtedness.

29 (c) The ad valorem property tax levy limits imposed by
 30 IC 6-1.1-18.5 do not apply to ad valorem property taxes imposed
 31 by a new township government to pay or fund any indebtedness
 32 assumed, defeased, paid, or refunded under this section.

33 Chapter 9. Levy

34 Sec. 1. The total tax rate levied under this article upon taxable
 35 property within a new township upon the formation of the new
 36 township may be implemented:

- 37 (1) over a number of years, not exceeding three (3); and
- 38 (2) in a manner subject to review and approval by the
- 39 department.

40 Sec. 2. As provided in IC 6-1.1-18.5-10.6, the maximum
 41 permissible ad valorem property tax levy that would otherwise
 42 apply to the new township government under IC 6-1.1-18.5-3, does



1 not apply to ad valorem property taxes imposed by the new
 2 township government over the number of years in which the total
 3 tax rate is to be implemented under section 1 of this chapter.

4 **Chapter 10. Acting Officers; Township Assessor**

5 **Sec. 1. (a) One (1) township trustee of a former township shall**
 6 **serve as an acting trustee for the new township after the merger is**
 7 **effective and until the township trustee for the new township is**
 8 **elected as provided in IC 36-6-6.**

9 **(b) The acting trustee shall be the individual selected by an**
 10 **affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the township**
 11 **board of each township that is merging to form the new township.**
 12 **In the event of a tie, the member of the county executive who serves**
 13 **as the merger board chair shall cast the deciding vote.**

14 **Sec. 2. One (1) member of the township board of each of**
 15 **township that is merging to form the new township shall serve as**
 16 **the acting member of the township board for the new township**
 17 **after the merger is effective and until the members of the township**
 18 **board for the new township government are elected as provided in**
 19 **IC 36-6-6. The acting member shall be selected by the township**
 20 **board. In the event of a tie, the member of the county executive**
 21 **who serves as the merger board chair shall cast the deciding vote.**

22 **Sec. 3. (a) If a township has a township assessor on the effective**
 23 **date of the merger the following occurs:**

24 **(1) The office of township assessor for a former township is**
 25 **abolished.**

26 **(2) The county assessor of the county shall assume the duties**
 27 **of the township assessor.**

28 **(3) All employment positions of employees of the township**
 29 **assessor are transferred to the county assessor.**

30 **(b) An employee of the office of the township assessor on the**
 31 **effective date of the merger is entitled to remain in the employee's**
 32 **position transferred under subsection (a) until the earlier of the**
 33 **following:**

34 **(1) The employee resigns from the position.**

35 **(2) The employee's employment is terminated. However, an**
 36 **employee described in this subsection may be terminated only**
 37 **in the same manner that other employees of the county**
 38 **assessor may be terminated.**

39 **Sec. 4. The terms of each township trustee (other than the acting**
 40 **trustee), township board member (other than the acting township**
 41 **board member), and township assessor (if any) expire December**
 42 **31 of the year immediately preceding the year in which the merger**



1 takes effect, and:

2 (1) those officials are not entitled to any compensation for
3 actions taken after the date on which their offices expire
4 under this subsection; and

5 (2) the offices may not be filled as provided in IC 3-13-10 or
6 IC 3-13-11.

7 **Chapter 12. Construction of Article**

8 **Sec. 1. This article shall be liberally construed to effect the**
9 **purposes of this article.**

10 **Sec. 2. Notwithstanding any other law, to the extent the**
11 **provisions of this article are inconsistent with the provisions of any**
12 **other law, the provisions of this article are controlling, and**
13 **compliance with this article shall be treated as compliance with the**
14 **conflicting law.**

15 **Sec. 3. This article expires July 1, 2030.**

16 SECTION 5. IC 36-6-2.1, AS ADDED BY P.L.240-2005,
17 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
18 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 2.1. (a) This section applies if township
19 governments merge under IC 36-6-1.5 or **IC 36-6.1.**

20 (b) If two (2) township governments merge, the resulting merged
21 township government shall elect a three (3) member township board.
22 The voters of the resulting merged township government shall elect all
23 the members of the township board. One (1) member must reside
24 within the boundaries of each of the township governments that
25 merged.

26 (c) If at least three (3) township governments merge, the resulting
27 merged township government shall elect a township board that has the
28 same number of members as the number of township governments that
29 merged. The voters of the resulting merged township shall elect all the
30 members of the township board. One (1) township board member must
31 reside within the boundaries of each of the townships that merged.

32 SECTION 6. IC 36-6-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.240-2005,
33 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
34 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 3. (a) This subsection applies to townships in a
35 county containing a consolidated city. One (1) member of the
36 legislative body must reside within each legislative body district. If a
37 member of the legislative body ceases to be a resident of the district
38 from which the member was elected, the office becomes vacant.

39 (b) This subsection applies to townships not included in subsection
40 (a) or (c). A member of the legislative body must reside within the
41 township as provided in Article 6, Section 6 of the Constitution of the
42 State of Indiana. If a member of the legislative body ceases to be a



1 resident of the township, the office becomes vacant.
 2 (c) This subsection applies to a township government that:
 3 (1) is created by a merger of township governments under
 4 IC 36-6-1.5 or **IC 36-6.1**; and
 5 (2) elects a township board under section 2.1 of this chapter.
 6 One (1) member of the legislative body must reside within the
 7 boundaries of each of the former townships that merged. If a member
 8 of the legislative body ceases to be a resident of that former township,
 9 the office becomes vacant.
 10 SECTION 7. IC 36-6-6-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.159-2021,
 11 SECTION 41, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 12 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 4. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and
 13 (c), two (2) members of the legislative body constitute a quorum.
 14 (b) Before January 1, 2017, four (4) members of the legislative body
 15 in a county containing a consolidated city constitute a quorum. After
 16 December 31, 2016, three (3) members of the legislative body in a
 17 county having a consolidated city constitute a quorum.
 18 (c) This subsection applies to a township government that:
 19 (1) is created by a merger of township governments under
 20 IC 36-6-1.5 or **IC 36-6.1**; and
 21 (2) elects the township legislative body under section 2.1 of this
 22 chapter.
 23 A majority of the members of the township legislative body constitute
 24 a quorum. If a township legislative body has an even number of
 25 members, the township executive shall serve by virtue of office as a
 26 member of the township legislative body for the purpose of casting the
 27 deciding vote to break a tie.
 28 (d) For townships not described in subsection (c), the township
 29 executive shall serve by virtue of office as a member of the township
 30 legislative body for the purpose of casting the deciding vote to break a
 31 tie. However, the township executive may not vote to break a tie on the
 32 adoption of an ordinance to increase the township executive's
 33 compensation (as defined in section 10 of this chapter).



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Local Government, to which was referred House Bill 1355, 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:

Delete the title and insert the following:

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government and to make an appropriation.

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

(SEE TEXT OF BILL)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1355 as introduced.)

MAY

Committee Vote: yeas 12, nays 1.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred House Bill 1355, 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:

Delete the title and insert the following:

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

Page 4, delete line 20.

Page 4, line 21, delete "(4)" and insert "(3)".

Page 4, line 26, delete "IC 36-6.1-7-1" and insert "**IC 36-6.1-6-1**".

Page 6, delete lines 4 through 13.

Page 6, line 14, delete "Chapter 7." and insert "**Chapter 6**".

Page 6, line 28, delete "Chapter 8." and insert "**Chapter 7**".

Page 7, between lines 6 and 7, begin a new line block indented and insert:

"(1) IC 36-6.1-4-3;

Page 7, line 7, delete "(1)" and insert "(2)".

Page 7, line 7, after ";" insert "**or**".

Page 7, line 8, delete "(2)" and insert "(3)".

Page 7, line 8, delete "; or" and insert ".".

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Page 7, delete line 9.

Page 7, line 10, delete "Chapter 9." and insert "**Chapter 8.**".

Page 7, line 11, delete "IC 36-6.1-14-2," and insert "**IC 36-6.1-13-2,**".

Page 7, line 40, delete "IC 36-6.1-10-3," and insert "**IC 36-6.1-9-3,**".

Page 9, line 2, delete "Chapter 10." and insert "**Chapter 9.**".

Page 9, line 15, delete "Chapter 11." and insert "**Chapter 10.**".

Page 10, delete lines 18 through 42.

Page 11, delete lines 1 through 16.

Page 11, line 17, delete "14." and insert "**12.**".

Page 13, delete lines 2 through 12.

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1355 as printed February 14, 2023.)

THOMPSON

Committee Vote: yeas 16, nays 3.

