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HOUSE ENROLLED ACT No. 1395

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

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

SECTION 1. IC 6-9-2-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.172-2011, SECTION 92, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 3. (a) For purposes of this section, the size of a political subdivision is based on the population determined in the last federal decennial census.

(b) A convention and visitor bureau having nineteen (19) members is created to promote the development and growth of the convention, tourism, and visitor industry in the county.

(c) The executives (as defined by IC 36-1-2-5) of the five (5) largest cities and the seven (7) largest towns in the county shall each appoint one (1) member to the bureau. The legislative body (as defined in IC 36-1-2-9) of the two (2) largest municipalities in the county shall each appoint one (1) member to the bureau.

(d) The county council shall appoint two (2) members to the bureau. One (1) of the appointees must be a resident of the fifth largest city in the county, and one (1) of the appointees must be a resident of the eighth largest town in the county. The appointees may not be of the same political party.

(e) The county commissioners shall appoint two (2) members to the bureau. One (1) of the appointees must be a resident of the sixth largest town in the county. One (1) of the appointees must be a resident of the seventh largest town in the county. The appointees may not be of the

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same political party.

(f) The lieutenant governor shall appoint one (1) member to the bureau.

(g) No appointee under this section may hold an elected or appointed political office while serving on the bureau.

(h) In making appointments under this section, the appointing authority shall give sole consideration to individuals who are knowledgeable about or employed as executives or managers in at least one (1) of the following businesses in the county:

- (1) Hotel.
- (2) Motel.
- (3) Restaurant.
- (4) Travel.
- (5) Transportation.
- (6) Convention.
- (7) Trade show.
- (8) A riverboat licensed under IC 4-33.
- (9) Banking.
- (10) Real estate.
- (11) Construction.

However, an individual employed by a riverboat may not be appointed under this section unless the individual holds a Level 1 occupational license issued under IC 4-33-8. This subsection does not apply to board members appointed before July 1, 2007, who are eligible for reappointment after June 30, 2007.

(i) All terms of office of bureau members begin on July 1. Members of the bureau serve terms of three (3) years. A member whose term expires may be reappointed to serve another term. If a vacancy occurs, the appointing authority shall appoint a qualified person to serve for the remainder of the term. If an appointment is not made before July 16 or a vacancy is not filled within thirty (30) days, the member appointed by the lieutenant governor under subsection (f) shall appoint a qualified person.

(j) A member of the bureau may be removed for cause:

- (1) by the member's appointing authority; or**
- (2) by vote of the bureau's board if it is determined that a member does not meet the qualifications under subsection (h).**

If a member is removed under this subsection, the appointing authority may, not more than thirty (30) days after the member is removed, appoint a replacement member to fill the remainder of the removed member's term.

(k) Members of the bureau may not receive a salary. However,



bureau members are entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their respective duties.

(l) Each bureau member, before entering the member's duties, shall take an oath of office in the usual form, to be endorsed upon the member's certificate of appointment and promptly filed with the clerk of the circuit court of the county.

(m) The bureau shall meet after July 1 each year for the purpose of organization. The bureau shall elect a chairman from its members. The bureau shall also elect from its members a vice chairman, a secretary, and a treasurer. The members serving in those offices shall perform the duties pertaining to the offices. The first officers chosen shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified. A majority of the bureau constitutes a quorum, and the concurrence of a majority of those present is necessary to authorize any action.

(n) If the county and one (1) or more adjoining counties desire to establish a joint bureau, the counties shall enter into an agreement under IC 36-1-7.

(o) Notwithstanding any other law, any bureau member appointed as of January 1, 2007, is eligible for reappointment.

SECTION 2. IC 33-33-71-69, AS AMENDED BY P.L.173-2015, SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 69. (a) The superior court may jointly appoint four (4) full-time magistrates under IC 33-23-5 to serve the court using the selection method provided by IC 36-1-8-10(b)(1) or ~~IC 36-1-8-10(b)(3)~~: **IC 36-1-8-10(b)(2)**. Not more than two (2) of the magistrates appointed under this section may be members of the same political party.

(b) A magistrate continues in office until jointly removed by the judges of the court.

SECTION 3. IC 36-1-8-10 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 10. (a) As used in this section, "board" means an administration, an agency, an authority, a board, a bureau, a commission, a committee, a council, a department, a division, an institution, an office, a service, or another similarly designated body of a political subdivision.

(b) Whenever a law or political subdivision's resolution requires that an appointment to a board be conditioned upon the political affiliation of the appointee, or that the membership of a board not exceed a stated number of members from the same political party, at the time of an appointment, one (1) of the following must apply to the appointee:

(1) The most recent primary election **in Indiana** in which the appointee voted was a primary election held by the party with



which the appointee claims affiliation.

(2) If the appointee has never voted in a primary election **in Indiana**, the appointee ~~claims a party affiliation~~.

~~(3) The appointee~~ is certified as a member of that party by the party's county chairman for the county in which the appointee resides.

(c) If a certification by a county chairman of a political party is required under subsection (b), the certification must be filed with the office of the circuit court clerk not later than the time the appointee's oath of office is filed with the clerk under IC 5-4-1. If the county chairman's certification is not filed with the circuit court clerk's office as required by this subsection, the appointment is void.

~~(c)~~ **(d)** Notwithstanding any other law, if the term of an appointed member of a board expires and the appointing authority does not make an appointment to fill the vacancy, **both of the following apply:**

(1) The member may continue to serve on the board for only ~~sixty~~ **ninety (90)** days after the expiration date of the member's term.

(2) The county chairman of the political party of the member whose term has expired shall make the appointment.

SECTION 4. IC 36-7-4-207, AS AMENDED BY P.L.266-2013, SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 207. (a) ADVISORY. In a city having a park board and a city civil engineer, the city plan commission consists of nine (9) members, as follows:

(1) One (1) member appointed by the city legislative body from its membership.

(2) One (1) member appointed by the park board. ~~from its membership~~.

(3) One (1) member or designated representative appointed by the city works board.

(4) The city civil engineer or a qualified assistant appointed by the city civil engineer.

(5) Five (5) citizen members, of whom no more than three (3) may be of the same political party, appointed by the city executive.

(b) ADVISORY. If a city lacks either a park board or a city civil engineer, or both, subsection (a) does not apply. In such a city or in any town, the municipal plan commission consists of seven (7) members, as follows:

(1) The municipal legislative body shall appoint three (3) persons,



who must be elected or appointed municipal officials or employees in the municipal government, as members.

(2) The municipal executive shall appoint four (4) citizen members, of whom no more than two (2) may be of the same political party.

(c) AREA. To provide equitable representation of rural and urban populations, representation on the area plan commission is determined as follows:

(1) Seven (7) representatives from each city having a population of more than one hundred five thousand (105,000).

(2) Six (6) representatives from each city having a population of not less than seventy thousand (70,000) nor more than one hundred five thousand (105,000).

(3) Five (5) representatives from each city having a population of not less than thirty-five thousand (35,000) but less than seventy thousand (70,000).

(4) Four (4) representatives from each city having a population of not less than twenty thousand (20,000) but less than thirty-five thousand (35,000).

(5) Three (3) representatives from each city having a population of not less than ten thousand (10,000) but less than twenty thousand (20,000).

(6) Two (2) representatives from each city having a population of less than ten thousand (10,000).

(7) One (1) representative from each town having a population of more than two thousand one hundred (2,100), and one (1) representative from each town having a population of two thousand one hundred (2,100) or less that had a representative before January 1, 1979.

(8) Such representatives from towns having a population of not more than two thousand one hundred (2,100) as are provided for in section 210 of this chapter.

(9) Six (6) county representatives if the total number of municipal representatives in the county is an odd number, or five (5) county representatives if the total number of municipal representatives is an even number.

(d) METRO. The metropolitan development commission consists of nine (9) citizen members, as follows:

(1) Five (5) members, of whom no more than three (3) may be of the same political party, appointed by the executive of the consolidated city.

(2) Four (4) members, of whom no more than two (2) may be of



the same political party, appointed by the legislative body of the consolidated city.

(e) METRO. The legislative body of the consolidated city shall appoint an individual to serve as a nonvoting adviser to the metropolitan development commission when the commission is acting as the redevelopment commission of the consolidated city under IC 36-7-15.1. If the duties of the metropolitan development commission under IC 36-7-15.1 are transferred to another entity under IC 36-3-4-23, the individual appointed under this subsection shall serve as a nonvoting adviser to that entity. A nonvoting adviser appointed under this subsection:

- (1) must also be a member of the school board of a school corporation that includes all or part of the territory of the consolidated city;
- (2) is not considered a member of the metropolitan development commission for purposes of IC 36-7-15.1 but is entitled to attend and participate in the proceedings of all meetings of the metropolitan development commission (or any successor entity designated under IC 36-3-4-23) when it is acting as a redevelopment commission under IC 36-7-15.1;
- (3) is not entitled to a salary, per diem, or reimbursement of expenses;
- (4) serves for a term of two (2) years and until a successor is appointed; and
- (5) serves at the pleasure of the legislative body of the consolidated city.

SECTION 5. IC 36-7-4-220, AS AMENDED BY P.L.126-2011, SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 220. (a) If a vacancy occurs among the plan commission members who are appointed, then the appointing authority shall appoint a member for the unexpired term of the vacating member **not later than ninety (90) days after the vacancy occurs**. The appointing authority may also appoint an alternate member to participate with the commission in a hearing or decision if the regular member appointed by the appointing authority has a disqualification under section 223(c) of this chapter. An alternate member has all the powers and duties of a regular member while participating in the hearing or decision.

(b) If a vacancy occurs in the office of the county surveyor while the county surveyor is serving on the plan commission, then the county engineer shall participate with the plan commission during the time the office of the county surveyor is vacant. The county engineer has all the

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powers and duties of a regular member while participating under this subsection.

(c) An appointed member who misses three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the plan commission may be treated as if the member had resigned, at the discretion of the appointing authority.

SECTION 6. An emergency is declared for this act.



Speaker of the House of Representatives

President of the Senate

President Pro Tempore

Governor of the State of Indiana

Date: _____ Time: _____

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