

# HOUSE BILL No. 1529

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 23-0.5-5-2; IC 24-5-11-4; IC 34-6-2-110; IC 34-11-2-4.

**Synopsis:** Various civil law matters. Amends the Uniform Business Organizations Administrative Provisions Act to specify that a foreign entity's registration with the secretary of state, including the appointment of an agent for service of process, does not by itself constitute consent to personal jurisdiction in Indiana. Specifies that a real property improvement contract is a written agreement (instead of an oral or written agreement, under current law) for purposes of the statute governing home improvement contracts. Specifies that a community corrections program is a political subdivision for purposes of: (1) the statute prohibiting legal actions by political subdivisions against the firearms industry; and (2) the tort claims act. Makes a conforming change to cross-reference the statute authorizing the establishment of community corrections programs. Extends the statute of limitations for bringing an action that: (1) is for an injury to a person that results from the sexual abuse of a child; and (2) is brought against a congressionally chartered organization that was incorporated before June 16, 1916; from July 1, 2025, to July 1, 2026.

**Effective:** Upon passage; July 1, 2025.

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January 21, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning civil procedure.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 23-0.5-5-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.52-2018,  
2 SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 2. (a) A foreign entity may not do business in  
4 Indiana until it registers with the secretary of state under this article.  
5 However, this requirement does not apply to foreign regulated entities.  
6 (b) A foreign entity doing business in Indiana may not maintain an  
7 action or proceeding in this state unless it is registered to do business  
8 in Indiana.  
9 (c) The failure of a foreign entity to register to do business in  
10 Indiana does not impair the validity of a contract or act of the foreign  
11 entity or preclude it from defending an action or proceeding in Indiana.  
12 (d) A limitation on the liability of an interest holder or governing  
13 person of a foreign entity is not waived solely because the foreign  
14 entity does business in Indiana without registering.  
15 (e) Section 1(a) of this chapter applies to a foreign entity even if the  
16 foreign entity fails to register under this chapter.  
17 (f) A foreign entity is liable for a civil penalty of not more than ten



1 thousand dollars (\$10,000) if it transacts business in Indiana without  
 2 a certificate of authority. The attorney general may collect all penalties  
 3 due under this subsection.

4 **(g) A foreign entity's registration with the secretary of state**  
 5 **under this article, including the foreign entity's appointment of an**  
 6 **agent for service of process, does not by itself constitute consent to**  
 7 **personal jurisdiction in Indiana.**

8 SECTION 2. IC 24-5-11-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.170-2017,  
 9 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 10 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "real property  
 11 improvement contract" means ~~an a written~~ agreement ~~oral or written~~,  
 12 between a real property improvement supplier and a consumer to make  
 13 a real property improvement and for which the real property  
 14 improvement contract price exceeds one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).

15 SECTION 3. IC 34-6-2-110, AS AMENDED BY P.L.170-2024,  
 16 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 17 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 110. "Political subdivision", for purposes of  
 18 IC 34-12-3.5 and IC 34-13-3, means a:

- 19 (1) county;
- 20 (2) township;
- 21 (3) city;
- 22 (4) town;
- 23 (5) separate municipal corporation;
- 24 (6) special taxing district;
- 25 (7) state educational institution;
- 26 (8) city or county hospital;
- 27 (9) school corporation;
- 28 (10) board or commission of one (1) of the entities listed in
- 29 subdivisions (1) through (9);
- 30 (11) drug enforcement task force operated jointly by political
- 31 subdivisions;
- 32 (12) community ~~correctional~~ service ~~corrections~~ program
- 33 organized under ~~IC 12-12-1~~; IC 11-12-1; or
- 34 (13) solid waste management district established under IC 13-21
- 35 or IC 13-9.5-2 (before its repeal).

36 SECTION 4. IC 34-11-2-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.79-2024,  
 37 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 38 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 4. (a) An action for:

- 39 (1) injury to person or character;
- 40 (2) injury to personal property; or
- 41 (3) a forfeiture of penalty given by statute;

42 must be commenced within two (2) years after the cause of action



- 1 accrues.
- 2 (b) Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d), an action for
- 3 injury to a person that results from the sexual abuse of a child must be
- 4 commenced within the later of:
- 5 (1) seven (7) years after the cause of action accrues; or
- 6 (2) four (4) years after the person ceases to be a dependent of the
- 7 person alleged to have performed the sexual abuse.
- 8 (c) An action for injury to a person that:
- 9 (1) results from the sexual abuse of a child;
- 10 (2) is barred due to the expiration of the statute of limitations
- 11 period described in subsection (b); and
- 12 (3) is brought against a congressionally chartered organization
- 13 that was incorporated before June 16, 1916;
- 14 may be commenced in accordance with subsection (d).
- 15 (d) An action described in subsection (c) may be commenced before
- 16 July 1, ~~2025~~, **2026**, by a person who, before January 1, 2024,
- 17 participated in a bankruptcy proceeding or bankruptcy settlement that:
- 18 (1) was initiated on February 18, 2020; and
- 19 (2) involved the organization described in subsection (c)(3).
- 20 **SECTION 5. An emergency is declared for this act.**

