

# HOUSE BILL No. 1536

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 31-12; IC 33-28-1; IC 33-29-5-7; IC 33-33-49; IC 33-38-4-1; IC 33-39; IC 33-41-2-3; IC 35-32-2-1.

**Synopsis:** Judicial circuits. Establishes a judicial circuit for each township in Marion County. (Under the Constitution of the State of Indiana, a prosecuting attorney and circuit judge are required to be elected in each judicial circuit.) Makes conforming amendments.

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## HOUSE BILL No. 1536

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning courts and court officers.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 31-12-1-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) **Except as**  
3 **provided in subsection (b)**, this chapter applies only in judicial  
4 circuits in which the judges of the superior and circuit courts determine  
5 that:

6 (1) the social conditions in the county; and  
7 (2) the number of domestic relations cases in the courts;  
8 make the procedures provided in this chapter necessary for the full and  
9 proper consideration of the cases and to carry out this chapter.

10 **(b) This chapter applies in Marion County, if the judges of the**  
11 **superior and circuit courts determine that:**

12 (1) **the social conditions in the county; and**  
13 (2) **the number of domestic relations cases in the courts;**  
14 **make the procedures provided in this chapter necessary for the full**  
15 **and proper consideration of the cases and to carry out this chapter.**

16 ~~(b)~~ (c) The majority of the judges of the superior and circuit courts  
17 in each judicial circuit **(or in Marion County, if applicable)** shall



1 make the determination under subsection (a) **or (b)** annually in  
2 January.

3 SECTION 2. IC 31-12-1.5-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.80-2006,  
4 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
5 JANUARY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) **Except as provided in subsection (b)**,  
6 this chapter applies in a judicial circuit in which a majority of the  
7 judges of the circuit and superior courts determine that:

- 8 (1) the social conditions of the county; and  
9 (2) the number of domestic relations cases in the courts;

10 make the procedures described in IC 31-12-1 necessary for the full and  
11 proper consideration of domestic relations cases.

12 **(b) This chapter applies in Marion County, if the judges of the**  
13 **superior and circuit courts in the county determine that:**

- 14 **(1) the social conditions in the county; and**  
15 **(2) the number of domestic relations cases in the courts;**

16 **make the procedures provided in this chapter necessary for the full**  
17 **and proper consideration of the cases and to carry out this chapter.**

18 ~~(b)~~ (c) The judges shall make the determination described in  
19 subsection (a) **or (b)** annually in January.

20 SECTION 3. IC 31-12-1.5-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.80-2006,  
21 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
22 JANUARY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. If the judges of a judicial circuit (**or**  
23 **Marion County**) make the determination described in section 1 of this  
24 chapter, the judges shall designate by joint order one (1) or more of the  
25 judges in the judicial circuit (**or Marion County**) to hear cases under  
26 this chapter. A judge designated under this section may hold as many  
27 sessions each week as are necessary for the prompt disposition of the  
28 court's business.

29 SECTION 4. IC 31-12-2-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.11-2023,  
30 SECTION 97, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
31 JANUARY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. This chapter applies only to the following:

- 32 (1) A judicial circuit in ~~which there is located~~ a consolidated city,  
33 ~~and if~~ the judges of the superior court and the ~~judge~~ **judges** of the  
34 circuit ~~court~~ **courts in the county** determine that the social  
35 conditions in the county and the number of domestic relations  
36 cases in the courts make the procedures provided under this  
37 chapter necessary for the full and proper consideration of the  
38 cases and the effectuation of the purposes of this chapter.

- 39 (2) A county having a population of more than four hundred  
40 thousand (400,000) and less than seven hundred thousand  
41 (700,000) in which the judge of the circuit court determines that  
42 the social conditions in the county and the number of domestic



1 relations cases in the county's courts make the procedures  
 2 provided under this chapter necessary for the full and proper  
 3 consideration of the cases and the effectuation of the purposes of  
 4 this chapter.

5 SECTION 5. IC 31-12-2-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.11-2023,  
 6 SECTION 98, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 7 JANUARY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. For:

8 (1) any judicial circuit ~~in which there is~~ located ~~in~~ a consolidated  
 9 city, the judges described in section 1(1) of this chapter may  
 10 establish a bureau of the courts; and

11 (2) a county having a population of more than four hundred  
 12 thousand (400,000) and less than seven hundred thousand  
 13 (700,000), the judge of the circuit court may establish a bureau of  
 14 the court;

15 known as the "Domestic Relations Counseling Bureau".

16 SECTION 6. IC 33-28-1-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 17 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. The circuit  
 18 court shall be held in the respective ~~counties~~ **judicial circuits** at times  
 19 as may be fixed by law. The court shall be styled "                      
 20 Circuit Court", according to the name of the county in which it may be  
 21 held, **or "Marion County Circuit Court (                     Township)",**  
 22 **for a circuit court in Marion County.**

23 SECTION 7. IC 33-28-1-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.195-2019,  
 24 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 25 JANUARY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) All circuit courts have:

26 (1) original and concurrent jurisdiction in all civil cases and in all  
 27 criminal cases;

28 (2) original and concurrent jurisdiction with the superior courts in  
 29 all user fee cases;

30 (3) de novo appellate jurisdiction of appeals from city and town  
 31 courts; and

32 (4) in Marion County, de novo appellate jurisdiction of appeals  
 33 from township small claims courts established under IC 33-34.

34 (b) The circuit court also has the appellate jurisdiction that may be  
 35 conferred by law upon it.

36 **(c) Each circuit court located in Marion County may:**

37 **(1) hold trials and other proceedings from a courthouse**  
 38 **located anywhere in Marion County; and**

39 **(2) may exercise jurisdiction throughout the county.**

40 **Circuit courts located in Marion County may agree to share office**  
 41 **space, courtrooms, and other facilities with other circuit courts**  
 42 **located in Marion County.**



1 SECTION 8. IC 33-28-1-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. When the  
 3 subject matter of a circuit court is situated in two (2) or more counties,  
 4 **or two (2) or more judicial circuits within a county**, the court that  
 5 takes cognizance of the matter first shall retain the matter.

6 SECTION 9. IC 33-28-1-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 7 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. The circuit  
 8 court of each county, **or of each judicial circuit within a county**, shall  
 9 have a seal. A description of the seal must be signed by the judge  
 10 devising the seal. The seal must be filed by the clerk and recorded.

11 SECTION 10. IC 33-28-1-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 12 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) This section  
 13 applies to a new county **or judicial circuit** in which a seal has not been  
 14 devised for the county's circuit court **or the circuit court of a judicial**  
 15 **circuit.**

16 (b) The clerk of a circuit court located in a county subject to this  
 17 section may seal all papers required by law to be sealed with the seal  
 18 of the circuit court with the clerk's private seal. Papers sealed with the  
 19 clerk's seal under this section are considered to have been sealed with  
 20 a seal devised by the circuit court.

21 SECTION 11. IC 33-29-5-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 22 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. To be eligible  
 23 to hold office as a judge of a **circuit or** superior court, a person must  
 24 be a resident of the judicial circuit that the judge serves. **However, a**  
 25 **judge of the Marion superior court may reside anywhere within**  
 26 **Marion County.**

27 SECTION 12. IC 33-33-49-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.17-2016,  
 28 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 29 JANUARY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) **The nineteenth judicial circuit is**  
 30 **abolished. By operation of law, the judge of the nineteenth judicial**  
 31 **circuit becomes the judge of the one hundred and fourth judicial**  
 32 **circuit, and all employees, assets, liabilities, and pending**  
 33 **proceedings are transferred from the nineteenth judicial circuit to**  
 34 **the one hundred and fourth judicial circuit. The magistrate of the**  
 35 **nineteenth judicial circuit court becomes the magistrate of the one**  
 36 **hundred and fourth judicial circuit.**

37 (a) ~~(b)~~ Marion County constitutes ~~contains~~ the nineteenth judicial  
 38 circuit: **following judicial circuits:**

39 (1) Pike Township constitutes the one hundredth judicial  
 40 circuit.

41 (2) Washington Township constitutes the one hundred and  
 42 first judicial circuit.



- 1           **(3) Lawrence Township constitutes the one hundred and**
- 2           **second judicial circuit.**
- 3           **(4) Wayne Township constitutes the one hundred and third**
- 4           **judicial circuit.**
- 5           **(5) Center Township constitutes the one hundred and fourth**
- 6           **judicial circuit.**
- 7           **(6) Warren Township constitutes the one hundred and fifth**
- 8           **judicial circuit.**
- 9           **(7) Decatur Township constitutes the one hundred and sixth**
- 10          **judicial circuit.**
- 11          **(8) Perry Township constitutes the one hundred and seventh**
- 12          **judicial circuit.**
- 13          **(9) Franklin Township constitutes the one hundred and eighth**
- 14          **judicial circuit.**

15          ~~(b)~~ **(c) The judge of the Marion the one hundred and fourth circuit**  
 16          **court (Marion County Circuit Court (Center Township))** may  
 17          appoint one (1) full-time magistrate under IC 33-23-5 to serve the  
 18          circuit court. The magistrate continues in office until removed by the  
 19          judge.

20          SECTION 13. IC 33-33-49-11 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 21          FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. (a) The court  
 22          may adopt rules for conducting the business of the court. Except as  
 23          provided in subsection (b), in all matters action of the court may only  
 24          be taken by a vote of a majority of the judges sitting at the time the vote  
 25          is taken.

26          (b) Action of the court to remove the presiding judge or either  
 27          associate presiding judge may only be taken by a vote of two-thirds  
 28          (2/3) of the judges sitting at the time the vote is taken.

29          (c) The court has all the powers incident to a court of record in  
 30          relation to the attendance of witnesses, punishment of contempts, and  
 31          enforcement of the court's orders. The judges may administer oaths,  
 32          solemnize marriages, take and certify acknowledgments of deeds and  
 33          all legal instruments, and to give all necessary certificates for the  
 34          authentication of the records and proceedings in the court.

35          **(d) The court has jurisdiction throughout Marion County and**  
 36          **may be located in and hold trials and other proceedings from a**  
 37          **courthouse located anywhere in Marion County.**

38          SECTION 14. IC 33-38-4-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 39          FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. **(a) Except as**  
 40          **provided in subsection (b),** the judge of the circuit court in a county  
 41          having a population of at least four hundred thousand (400,000) may  
 42          appoint a chief clerk for the court.



1           **(b) If a county having a population of at least four hundred**  
 2 **thousand (400,000) has more than one (1) circuit court judge, the**  
 3 **judges may jointly appoint a chief clerk.**

4           SECTION 15. IC 33-39-1-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 5 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 6 [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 1.5. (a) The nineteenth**  
 7 **judicial circuit (coextensive with Marion County) is abolished and**  
 8 **replaced with the judicial circuits described in IC 33-33-49-2(b). By**  
 9 **operation of law, the prosecuting attorney of the nineteenth**  
 10 **judicial circuit becomes the prosecuting attorney of the one**  
 11 **hundred and fourth judicial circuit (Center Township), and all**  
 12 **employees, assets, liabilities, and pending proceedings are**  
 13 **transferred from the nineteenth judicial circuit to the one hundred**  
 14 **and fourth judicial circuit.**

15           SECTION 16. IC 33-39-1-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.9-2022,  
 16 SECTION 74, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 17 JANUARY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 5. (a)** Except as provided in  
 18 IC 12-15-23-6(d), the prosecuting attorneys, within their respective  
 19 jurisdictions, shall:

- 20           (1) conduct all prosecutions for felonies, misdemeanors, or  
 21           infractions and all suits on forfeited recognizances;  
 22           (2) superintend, on behalf of counties or any of the trust funds, all  
 23           suits in which the counties or trust funds may be interested or  
 24           involved; and  
 25           (3) perform all other duties required by law.

26           **(b) The prosecuting attorney of a judicial circuit located in**  
 27 **Marion County has jurisdiction to perform the actions described**  
 28 **in subsections (a)(1) and (a)(2) anywhere within Marion County.**

29           SECTION 17. IC 33-39-6-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.55-2022,  
 30 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 31 JANUARY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 1. (a)** Prosecuting attorneys and deputy  
 32 prosecuting attorneys are entitled to receive the compensation provided  
 33 in this chapter. The minimum compensation of the prosecuting  
 34 attorneys shall be paid in the manner prescribed in section 5 of this  
 35 chapter. The compensation of the deputy prosecuting attorneys shall be  
 36 paid in the manner prescribed in section 2 of this chapter.

37           (b) Upon the allowance of an itemized and verified claim by the  
 38 board of county commissioners, the auditor of the county shall issue a  
 39 warrant to a prosecuting attorney or deputy prosecuting attorney who  
 40 filed the claim to pay any part of the compensation of a prosecuting  
 41 attorney or a deputy prosecuting attorney that exceeds the amount that  
 42 the state is to pay.



1 (c) A deputy prosecuting attorney who knowingly divides  
 2 compensation with the prosecuting attorney or any other officer or  
 3 person in connection with employment commits a Class B  
 4 misdemeanor.

5 (d) A prosecuting attorney or any other officer or person who  
 6 knowingly accepts any division of compensation described in  
 7 subsection (c) commits a Class B misdemeanor.

8 (e) The prosecuting attorneys council of Indiana shall call at least  
 9 one (1) and not more than two (2) conferences of the prosecuting  
 10 attorneys, each year, to consider, discuss, and develop coordinated  
 11 plans for the enforcement of the laws of Indiana. The conferences of  
 12 the prosecuting attorneys are subject to the following:

13 (1) The date or dates upon which the conferences are held shall  
 14 be fixed by the prosecuting attorneys council of Indiana.

15 (2) The expenses necessarily incurred by a prosecuting attorney  
 16 in attending a conference, including the actual expense of  
 17 transportation to and from the place where the conference is held,  
 18 together with meals and lodging, shall be paid from the general  
 19 fund of the county upon the presentation of an itemized and  
 20 verified claim, filed as required by law, and by warrant issued by  
 21 the county auditor.

22 (3) If there is more than one (1) county in any judicial circuit, the  
 23 expenses of the prosecuting attorneys incurred by virtue of this  
 24 subsection shall be paid from the general fund of the respective  
 25 counties constituting the circuit in the same proportion as the  
 26 populations of the counties.

27 **(4) If there is more than one (1) judicial circuit in any county,**  
 28 **the expenses of every prosecuting attorney located in the**  
 29 **county that are incurred by virtue of this subsection shall be**  
 30 **paid from the general fund of the county.**

31 SECTION 18. IC 33-39-6-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 32 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 33 [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 10. If there is more than one**  
 34 **(1) judicial circuit in any county, the prosecuting attorneys of a**  
 35 **judicial circuit located within that county may agree to share office**  
 36 **space, courtrooms, and other facilities with the prosecuting**  
 37 **attorney of any other judicial circuit located in that county.**

38 SECTION 19. IC 33-41-2-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 39 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. As used in this  
 40 chapter, "judicial circuit" means:

41 (1) any county comprising a single judicial circuit; ~~or~~

42 (2) any combination of one (1) or more counties comprising a





1 single judicial circuit; or

2 **(3) a judicial circuit located in a county containing more than**  
 3 **one (1) judicial circuit.**

4 SECTION 20. IC 35-32-2-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.115-2005,  
 5 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 6 JANUARY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) Criminal actions shall be tried in the  
 7 county where the offense was committed, except as otherwise provided  
 8 by law.

9 **(b) If a criminal offense is committed in Marion County, the**  
 10 **criminal action shall be tried by the prosecuting attorney of the**  
 11 **judicial circuit where the offense was committed, except as**  
 12 **otherwise provided by law. If the trial may be held in Marion**  
 13 **County under this section or otherwise, the trial may be held**  
 14 **anywhere in Marion County.**

15 ~~(b)~~ **(c)** If a person committing an offense upon the person of another  
 16 is located in one (1) county and the person's victim is located in another  
 17 county at the time of the commission of the offense, the trial may be in  
 18 either of the counties.

19 ~~(c)~~ **(d)** If the offense involves killing or causing the death of another  
 20 human being, the trial may be in the county in which the:

- 21 (1) cause of death is inflicted;  
 22 (2) death occurs; or  
 23 (3) victim's body is found.

24 ~~(d)~~ **(e)** If an offense is committed in Indiana and it cannot readily be  
 25 determined in which county the offense was committed, trial may be in  
 26 any county in which an act was committed in furtherance of the  
 27 offense.

28 ~~(e)~~ **(f)** If an offense is commenced outside Indiana and completed  
 29 within Indiana, the offender may be tried in any county where any act  
 30 in furtherance of the offense occurred.

31 ~~(f)~~ **(g)** If an offense commenced inside Indiana is completed outside  
 32 Indiana, the offender shall be tried in any county where an act in  
 33 furtherance of the offense occurred.

34 ~~(g)~~ **(h)** If an offense is committed on the portions of the Ohio or  
 35 Wabash Rivers where they form a part of the boundaries of this state,  
 36 trial may be in the county that is adjacent to the river and whose  
 37 boundaries, if projected across the river, would include the place where  
 38 the offense was committed.

39 ~~(h)~~ **(i)** If an offense is committed at a place which is on or near a  
 40 common boundary which is shared by two (2) or more counties and it  
 41 cannot be readily determined where the offense was committed, then  
 42 the trial may be in any county sharing the common boundary.



1            ~~(j)~~ **(j)** If an offense is committed on a public highway (as defined in  
 2 IC 9-25-2-4) that runs on and along a common boundary shared by two  
 3 (2) or more counties, the trial may be held in any county sharing the  
 4 common boundary.

5            ~~(k)~~ **(k)** If an offense is committed by use of the Internet or another  
 6 computer network (as defined in IC 35-43-2-3), the trial may be held  
 7 in any county:

8            (1) from which or to which access to the Internet or other  
 9 computer network was made; or

10           (2) in which any computer, computer data, computer software, or  
 11 computer network that was used to access the Internet or other  
 12 computer network is located.

13           ~~(l)~~ **(l)** If an offense:

14           (1) is committed by use of:

15                (A) the Internet or another computer network (as defined in  
 16 IC 35-43-2-3); or

17                (B) another form of electronic communication; and

18           (2) occurs outside Indiana and the victim of the offense resides in  
 19 Indiana at the time of the offense;

20 the trial may be held in the county where the victim resides at the time  
 21 of the offense.

22           **SECTION 21. [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026] (a) As used in**  
 23 **this SECTION, "new court" means the Marion County Circuit**  
 24 **Court (Center Township) (one hundred and fourth judicial circuit)**  
 25 **established on January 1, 2026.**

26           **(b) As used in this SECTION, "old court" means the Marion**  
 27 **County Circuit Court (nineteenth judicial circuit) in existence on**  
 28 **December 31, 2025.**

29           **(c) On January 1, 2026, the judge of the old court becomes the**  
 30 **judge of the new court without change in compensation, seniority,**  
 31 **or benefits. The judge is entitled to have the judge's prior service**  
 32 **included for purposes of computing any applicable employment**  
 33 **and retirement benefits.**

34           **(d) The term of the judge expires on the same date that the**  
 35 **judge's term would have expired had the judge remained the judge**  
 36 **of the old court.**

37           **(e) The employees of the old court on December 31, 2025,**  
 38 **become employees of the new court on January 1, 2026, without**  
 39 **change in compensation, seniority, or benefits, and are entitled to**  
 40 **have their service under the new court included for purposes of**  
 41 **computing any applicable employment and retirement benefits.**

42           **(f) All cases and proceedings pending before the old court on**



1 December 31, 2025, are transferred to the new court on January 1,  
2 2026.

3 (g) On January 1, 2026, all agreements and liabilities of the old  
4 court are transferred to the new court.

5 (h) On January 1, 2026, all records and property of the old  
6 court, including appropriations and other funds under the control  
7 or supervision of the old court, are transferred to the new court.

8 (i) After December 31, 2025, any amounts owed to the old court  
9 before January 1, 2026, are considered to be owed to the new  
10 court.

11 (j) Any rules, policies, or guidelines of the old court become  
12 rules, policies, or guidelines of the new court, until replaced,  
13 repealed, or superseded.

14 (k) Until the remaining eight (8) circuit courts in Marion  
15 County are staffed and operational, the new court may operate  
16 under those policies of the old court that may be necessary to carry  
17 out the court's judicial responsibilities.

18 (l) This SECTION expires January 1, 2030.

19 SECTION 22. [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026] (a) As used in  
20 this SECTION, "new office" means the office of the prosecuting  
21 attorney of the one hundred and fourth judicial circuit, established  
22 on January 1, 2026.

23 (b) As used in this SECTION, "old office" means the office of  
24 the prosecuting attorney of the nineteenth judicial circuit (Marion  
25 County prosecuting attorney) in existence on December 31, 2025.

26 (c) On January 1, 2026, the prosecuting attorney of the old  
27 office becomes the prosecuting attorney of the new office without  
28 change in compensation, seniority, or benefits. The prosecuting  
29 attorney is entitled to have the prosecuting attorney's prior service  
30 included for purposes of computing any applicable employment  
31 and retirement benefits.

32 (d) The term of the prosecuting attorney expires on the same  
33 date that the prosecuting attorney's term would have expired had  
34 the prosecuting attorney remained the prosecuting attorney of the  
35 old office.

36 (e) The employees of the old office on December 31, 2025,  
37 become employees of the new office on January 1, 2026, without  
38 change in compensation, seniority, or benefits, and are entitled to  
39 have their service under the new office included for purposes of  
40 computing any applicable employment and retirement benefits.

41 (f) All open cases and proceedings of the old office on December  
42 31, 2025, are transferred to the new court on January 1, 2026.



- 1           **(g) On January 1, 2026, all agreements and liabilities of the old**
- 2 **office are transferred to the new office.**
- 3           **(h) On January 1, 2026, all records and property of the old**
- 4 **office, including appropriations and other funds under the control**
- 5 **or supervision of the old office, are transferred to the new office.**
- 6           **(i) After December 31, 2025, any amounts owed to the old office**
- 7 **before January 1, 2026, are considered to be owed to the new**
- 8 **office.**
- 9           **(j) Any rules, policies, or guidelines of the old office become**
- 10 **rules, policies, or guidelines of the new office, until replaced,**
- 11 **repealed, or superseded.**
- 12           **(k) Until the remaining eight (8) elected prosecuting attorney**
- 13 **offices in Marion County are staffed and operational, the new**
- 14 **office may:**
- 15           **(1) operate under those policies of the old office that may be**
- 16 **necessary to carry out the office's prosecutorial**
- 17 **responsibilities; and**
- 18           **(2) notwithstanding any other law, exercise countywide**
- 19 **jurisdiction.**
- 20           **(l) This SECTION expires January 1, 2030.**

