

HOUSE BILL No. 1622

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 2-8.2.

Synopsis: Article V Convention lawsuits. Authorizes the speaker of the house of representatives and the president pro tempore of the senate to employ one or more attorneys necessary to initiate a lawsuit against the appropriate parties, including the Congress of the United States, the federal government, a state, or any other necessary party, relating to the calling of, the refusal to call, or any other matter relating to a convention held under Article V of the Constitution of the United States.

Effective: July 1, 2015.

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January 22, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures.



First Regular Session of the 119th General Assembly (2015)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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 2014 Regular Session and 2014 Second Regular Technical Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning the general assembly.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 2-8.2-2-7.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2015]: **Sec. 7.5. "President pro tempore" refers to the president
4 pro tempore of the senate.**

5 SECTION 2. IC 2-8.2-2-9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
6 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
7 1, 2015]: **Sec. 9. "Speaker" refers to the speaker of the house of
8 representatives.**

9 SECTION 3. IC 2-8.2-6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
10 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
11 1, 2015]:

12 **Chapter 6. Authority to File Lawsuits Relating to an Article V
13 Convention**

14 **Sec. 1. Notwithstanding IC 4-6, a lawsuit filed under this
15 chapter does not require the consent of the attorney general.**



1 **Sec. 2. The speaker and the president pro tempore may, on**
2 **behalf of the state of Indiana, employ one (1) or more attorneys**
3 **necessary to initiate a lawsuit against the appropriate parties,**
4 **including the Congress of the United States, the federal**
5 **government, a state, or any other necessary party, relating to the**
6 **calling of, the refusal to call, or any other matter relating to an**
7 **Article V convention.**

8 **Sec. 3. A lawsuit filed under section 2 of this chapter may be**
9 **joined with the lawsuit of any other state or person.**

10 **Sec. 4. The costs of maintaining a lawsuit filed under section 2**
11 **of this chapter shall be paid from appropriations made to the house**
12 **of representatives and the senate and shall be considered a**
13 **necessary expenditure of the house of representatives and the**
14 **senate.**

