

SENATE BILL No. 127

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 36-1-33.

Synopsis: Battery charged security devices. Prohibits a county, city, or town from adopting or enforcing an ordinance or resolution that prohibits or imposes requirements on certain battery charged security devices.

Effective: July 1, 2025.

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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.

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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 36-1-33 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2025]:
4 **Chapter 33. Battery Charged Security Devices**
5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "alarm system" means any**
6 **electrical, mechanical, or electronic device or sensor that prevents,**
7 **detects, verifies, and may alert law enforcement in response to an**
8 **intrusion on property protected by the alarm system.**
9 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "battery charged security**
10 **device" means a security device that:**
11 **(1) interfaces with an alarm system in a manner that enables**
12 **the security device to cause the connected alarm system to**
13 **transmit a signal intended to prompt an alert to law**
14 **enforcement in response to an intrusion on the property; and**
15 **(2) has an energizer driven by a commercial storage battery.**
16 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "IEC standards" means the**
17 **International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) standards most**



- 1 recently published.
- 2 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "unit" means a county, city, or**
- 3 **town.**
- 4 **Sec. 5. (a) This section applies only to a battery charged security**
- 5 **device that:**
- 6 **(1) is not located in an area zoned exclusively for single family**
- 7 **or multi-family residential use;**
- 8 **(2) uses a commercial storage battery that does not exceed**
- 9 **twelve (12) volts of direct current;**
- 10 **(3) produces an electric charge on contact that does not**
- 11 **exceed energizer characteristics set by IEC standards;**
- 12 **(4) is completely surrounded on the outside perimeter by a**
- 13 **nonelectric perimeter fence or wall that is at least five (5) feet**
- 14 **in height;**
- 15 **(5) is not higher than the greater of:**
- 16 **(A) ten (10) feet in height; or**
- 17 **(B) two (2) feet higher than the height of the nonelectric**
- 18 **perimeter fence or wall described in subdivision (4); and**
- 19 **(6) has conspicuous warning signs that:**
- 20 **(A) are located at not less than sixty (60) foot intervals on**
- 21 **the battery charged security device; and**
- 22 **(B) read: "WARNING: ELECTRIC SECURITY**
- 23 **DEVICE".**
- 24 **(b) A unit may not adopt or enforce an ordinance or resolution**
- 25 **that does any of the following with regard to a battery charged**
- 26 **security device described in subsection (a):**
- 27 **(1) Prohibits the installation or use of a battery charged**
- 28 **security device.**
- 29 **(2) Requires a permit or fee for the installation or use of a**
- 30 **battery charged security device that is in addition to any fee**
- 31 **or alarm system permit required for any other alarm system**
- 32 **by the unit. No additional permit or fee shall be required for**
- 33 **the battery charged security device.**
- 34 **(3) Imposes installation or operational requirements**
- 35 **inconsistent with this chapter.**

