

# SENATE BILL No. 218

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 2-2.1; IC 2-5-1.1-1; IC 3-3-2-1; IC 15-13-6-2.

**Synopsis:** Sessions of the general assembly. Changes the legislative session cycle beginning in 2024 to: (1) eliminate the second regular session of the general assembly; and (2) require a regular session of the general assembly to adjourn sine die not later than May 15 of any odd-numbered year thereafter. Makes technical and conforming changes.

**Effective:** Upon passage.

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January 10, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Policy.

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First Regular Session of the 123rd General Assembly (2023)

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## SENATE BILL No. 218

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 2-2.1-1-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.133-2021,  
2 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 2. (a) The ~~first~~ regular session of each term of  
4 the general assembly shall convene on the third Tuesday after the first  
5 Monday of November of each even-numbered year to do the following:  
6 (1) Organize itself.  
7 (2) Elect its officers.  
8 (3) Receive the oath of office.  
9 (b) If a special session is called before the date set in subsection (a),  
10 then the organization, election, and receiving the oath of office shall be  
11 held on the first day of the special session.  
12 (c) The general assembly shall then adjourn until a day:  
13 (1) certain fixed by a concurrent resolution; or  
14 (2) when the gavel of each house falls in the presence of a quorum  
15 whether or not a day certain to reconvene in session has been  
16 fixed.  
17 (d) The general assembly shall reconvene in session no later than



1 the second Monday in January of the following year.

2 (e) The ~~first~~ regular session of each term of the general assembly  
3 shall adjourn sine die as follows:

4 (1) Not later than November 15 in calendar year 2021.

5 (2) Not later than April 29 in any odd-numbered year beginning  
6 after December 31, 2022, **and ending before January 1, 2024.**

7 **(3) Not later than May 15 in any odd-numbered year**  
8 **beginning after December 31, 2024.**

9 SECTION 2. IC 2-2.1-1-2.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.133-2021,  
10 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
11 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 2.5. (a) This section does not apply in  
12 calendar year 2021.

13 (b) Before the ~~first~~ regular session adjourns sine die, the general  
14 assembly may adopt a concurrent resolution to fix a day to convene the  
15 ~~first~~ regular technical session of the general assembly. The day fixed  
16 under this subsection may not be earlier than thirty (30) days after the  
17 ~~first~~ regular session adjourns sine die.

18 (c) Only the following may be considered and acted upon during a  
19 ~~first~~ regular technical session:

20 (1) Bills enacted during the ~~first~~ regular session vetoed by the  
21 governor.

22 (2) Bills to correct conflicts among bills enacted during the ~~first~~  
23 regular session.

24 (3) Bills to correct technical errors in bills enacted during the ~~first~~  
25 regular session.

26 (d) The ~~first~~ regular technical session must adjourn sine die before  
27 midnight after it convenes.

28 (e) The concurrent resolution adopted under subsection (b) may  
29 provide that the ~~first~~ regular technical session is not required to  
30 convene if the speaker of the house of representatives and the president  
31 pro tempore of the senate jointly issue an order finding that the  
32 purposes for which a regular technical session may meet under  
33 subsection (c) do not justify the cost and inconvenience of meeting in  
34 a regular technical session.

35 (f) If the general assembly does not meet in a regular technical  
36 session under this section, the general assembly shall consider and act  
37 upon vetoes of bills enacted during the ~~first~~ regular session at the next  
38 ~~second~~ regular session.

39 (g) For purposes of Article 5, Section 14 of the Constitution of the  
40 State of Indiana, the ~~first~~ regular technical session is not considered a  
41 regular session if the general assembly does not consider or act upon  
42 vetoes of bills enacted during the ~~first~~ regular session under this



- 1 section.
- 2 SECTION 3. IC 2-2.1-1-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE UPON
- 3 PASSAGE]. Sec. 3: (a) The second regular session of each term of the
- 4 general assembly shall convene on the third Tuesday after the first
- 5 Monday of November of each odd-numbered year. The general
- 6 assembly shall then adjourn until a day:
- 7 (1) certain fixed by a concurrent resolution; or
- 8 (2) when the gavel of each house falls in the presence of a quorum
- 9 whether or not a day certain to reconvene in session has been
- 10 fixed.
- 11 (b) The general assembly shall reconvene in session no later than
- 12 the second Monday in January of the following year. The second
- 13 regular session of each term of the general assembly shall adjourn sine
- 14 die not later than March 14 in any even-numbered year.
- 15 SECTION 4. IC 2-2.1-1-3.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE UPON
- 16 PASSAGE]. Sec. 3:5: (a) Before the second regular session adjourns
- 17 sine die, the general assembly may adopt a concurrent resolution to fix
- 18 a day to convene the second regular technical session of the general
- 19 assembly. The day fixed under this subsection may not be earlier than
- 20 thirty (30) days after the second regular session adjourns sine die.
- 21 (b) Only the following may be considered and acted upon during a
- 22 second regular technical session:
- 23 (1) Bills enacted during the second regular session vetoed by the
- 24 governor;
- 25 (2) Bills to correct conflicts among bills enacted during the
- 26 second regular session;
- 27 (3) Bills to correct technical errors in bills enacted during the
- 28 second regular session;
- 29 (c) The second regular technical session must adjourn sine die
- 30 before midnight after it convenes.
- 31 (d) The concurrent resolution adopted under subsection (a) may
- 32 provide that the second regular technical session is not required to
- 33 convene if the speaker of the house of representatives and the president
- 34 pro tempore of the senate jointly issue an order finding that the
- 35 purposes for which a regular technical session may meet under
- 36 subsection (b) do not justify the cost and inconvenience of meeting in
- 37 a regular technical session.
- 38 (e) If the general assembly does not meet in a regular technical
- 39 session under this section, the general assembly may consider and act
- 40 upon vetoes of bills enacted during the second regular session at the
- 41 next first regular session.
- 42 (f) For purposes of Article 5, Section 14 of the Constitution of the



1 State of Indiana; the second regular technical session is not considered  
 2 a regular session if the general assembly does not consider or act upon  
 3 vetoes of bills enacted during the second regular session under this  
 4 section.

5 SECTION 5. IC 2-2.1-1-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 6 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 9. ~~Procedures:~~  
 7 ~~Standing Committee Appointments:~~ (a) By not later than ten (10) days  
 8 after the election of officers as provided in sections 6 and 7 of this  
 9 chapter, the appointments to the standing committees of the two **(2)**  
 10 houses of the General Assembly shall be made and announced by the  
 11 Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro  
 12 Tempore of the Senate, respectively.

13 (b) At the reconvening in January of the **first regular** session, ~~of the~~  
 14 ~~term~~, the lists of appointments to the standing committees shall be read  
 15 in their respective houses and recorded in the journals thereof.

16 (c) The members of the standing committees shall serve for the term  
 17 of the General Assembly in which they are appointed, unless removed,  
 18 suspended, or unable to serve.

19 SECTION 6. IC 2-2.1-4-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.229-2011,  
 20 SECTION 37, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 21 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "final day of  
 22 session" means **either of the following:**

23 **(1) In the case of a regular session ending in a calendar year**  
 24 **ending before January 1, 2024,** April 29 in odd-numbered years  
 25 and March 14 in even-numbered years ~~or~~

26 **(2) a date earlier than April 29 in odd-numbered years and March**  
 27 **14 in even-numbered years; if unless** the presiding officers of  
 28 each body have:

29 (A) jointly agreed; and

30 (B) publicly announced;

31 that ~~the an~~ earlier date will be the final day of session.

32 **(2) In the case of a regular session beginning after October 31,**  
 33 **2024, May 15 in each odd-numbered year unless the presiding**  
 34 **officers of each body have:**

35 (A) jointly agreed; and

36 (B) publicly announced;

37 that an earlier date will be the final day of session.

38 SECTION 7. IC 2-5-1.1-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 39 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 1. There is hereby  
 40 created a legislative council which shall be composed of sixteen (16)  
 41 members of the general assembly as follows:

42 (a) From the senate: The president pro tempore, the minority leader,



1 the majority caucus chairman, the minority caucus chairman, three (3)  
 2 members appointed by the president pro tempore, and one (1) member  
 3 appointed by the minority leader.

4 (b) From the house of representatives: The speaker of the house, the  
 5 majority leader, the minority leader, the majority caucus chairman, the  
 6 minority caucus chairman, two (2) members appointed by the speaker,  
 7 and one (1) member appointed by the minority leader.

8 (c) The president of the senate may serve as an ex officio non-voting  
 9 member of the council.

10 (d) The members of the council who serve by virtue of their office  
 11 shall serve until their successors are selected.

12 (e) The appointed members shall serve from the date of their  
 13 appointment until the next general election at which they run for  
 14 reelection, or until the convening of the ~~first~~ regular session of the next  
 15 general assembly, whichever is first to occur. The president pro  
 16 tempore, speaker, and minority leaders shall appoint their members not  
 17 later than five (5) days after the close of a ~~first~~ regular session of a  
 18 general assembly.

19 SECTION 8. IC 3-3-2-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 20 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 1. Congressional districts shall  
 21 be established by law at the ~~first~~ regular session of the general  
 22 assembly convening immediately following the United States decennial  
 23 census.

24 SECTION 9. IC 15-13-6-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2008, SECTION  
 25 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON  
 26 PASSAGE]: Sec. 2. (a) The advisory committee consists of the  
 27 following members **appointed after the first day of each regular**  
 28 **session of the general assembly and before January 1 of the ensuing**  
 29 **calendar year:**

30 (1) Four (4) members of the senate, not more than two (2) of  
 31 whom are members of the same political party, appointed by the  
 32 president pro tempore of the senate.

33 (2) Four (4) members of the house of representatives, not more  
 34 than two (2) of whom are members of the same political party,  
 35 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

36 (b) A member appointed under subsection (a) **begins serving on**  
 37 **January 1 and** serves until the first day of the ~~first~~ regular session of  
 38 the next general assembly following the member's appointment.

39 (c) A vacancy on the advisory committee shall be filled for the  
 40 unexpired term by the appointing authority who appointed the member  
 41 whose position is vacant.

42 (d) After appointment of the members of the advisory committee



1 under subsection (a), the:  
2 (1) speaker of the house of representatives shall name one (1) of  
3 the members as chairperson; and  
4 (2) president pro tempore of the senate shall name another  
5 member as vice chairperson.  
6 The chairperson and the vice chairperson serve until ~~the first day of the~~  
7 ~~second regular session of that general assembly.~~ **January 1 of the**  
8 **calendar year following the calendar year in which the terms of the**  
9 **members of the advisory committee began under subsection (a).**  
10 The vice chairperson during the first ~~session year of the members'~~  
11 **term** then becomes the chairperson **for the second year**, and the  
12 chairperson during the first ~~session year of the members' term~~  
13 becomes the vice chairperson **for the second year**. The appointing  
14 authority may name a different chairperson or vice chairperson at any  
15 time.  
16 **SECTION 10. An emergency is declared for this act.**

