

SENATE BILL No. 166

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 3-5-4-8.

Synopsis: Voter registration forms. Authorizes the Indiana election commission to approve for voter registration purposes use of previously approved voter registration forms in addition to voter registration forms most recently approved by the commission.

Effective: Upon passage; July 1, 1997 (retroactive).

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January 6, 1998, read first time and referred to Committee on Elections.



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Second Regular Session 110th General Assembly (1998)

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 1997 General Assembly.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 3-5-4-8, AS ADDED BY P.L.3-1997, SECTION
2 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON
3 PASSAGE]: Sec. 8. (a) **Except as provided in subsection (e), but**
4 notwithstanding any other statute, whenever the commission acts under
5 IC 3-6-4.1-14 to approve a uniform election or registration form for use
6 throughout Indiana, or to approve a revision to an existing form, a
7 person must use the most recent version of the form approved by the
8 commission to comply with this title after the effective date of the
9 commission's order approving the form.
- 10 (b) Except as provided in subsection (d), before an order approving
11 a form takes effect under this section, the ~~commission~~ **election division**
12 shall transmit a copy of each form or revised form approved by the
13 order to the following:
- 14 (1) Each circuit court clerk.
15 (2) Each county voter registration office, if the commission
16 determines that the form is primarily used in voter registration.
17 (3) The state chairman of each major political party.

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1 (4) The state chairman of any other political party who has filed
 2 a written request with the election division during the preceding
 3 twelve (12) months to be furnished with copies of forms.

4 (c) The election division, an election board, a circuit court clerk, a
 5 county voter registration office, or any other official responsible for
 6 receiving a filing under this title shall reject a filing that does not
 7 comply with this section.

8 (d) The commission shall specify the effective date of the form or
 9 revised form and may:

10 (1) delay the effective date of the approval of a form or revised
 11 form; and

12 (2) permit an earlier approved version of the form or an
 13 alternative form to be used before the effective date of the form;
 14 if the commission determines that an emergency requires the use of the
 15 form before copies can be transmitted to all persons entitled to receive
 16 copies of the form under subsection (b).

17 (e) **This subsection applies to a form approved by the**
 18 **commission for an individual to apply for voter registration or to**
 19 **amend the individual's existing voter registration record. The**
 20 **commission may allow an earlier approved version of the form to**
 21 **be used if the:**

22 (1) **earlier version of the form complies with all other**
 23 **requirements imposed under NVRA or this title; and**

24 (2) **commission determines that the existing stock of the form**
 25 **must be exhausted to prevent waste and unnecessary expense.**

26 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1997 (RETROACTIVE)]: (a)
 27 **This SECTION applies to a voter registration application form**
 28 **approved by the Indiana election commission (or its predecessor,**
 29 **the state election board), after November 1, 1994, and before**
 30 **January 1, 1999.**

31 (b) **Notwithstanding IC 3-5-4-8, as amended by this act:**

32 (1) **an applicant to register to vote may submit; and**

33 (2) **a county voter registration office may approve;**

34 **a properly completed voter registration application form described**
 35 **in subsection (a) from an otherwise qualified applicant to register**
 36 **even though the application form is not the most recent version of**
 37 **the registration application form approved by the commission.**

38 (c) **This SECTION expires January 1, 2000.**

39 SECTION 3. **An emergency is declared for this act.**

