

# SENATE BILL No. 175

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 16-22-2-7; IC 16-22-2-5.5.

**Synopsis:** Hendricks County hospital board. Allows the governing board of Hendricks County Hospital to expand its board membership from four to up to nine members. Repeals a provision concerning the membership of a county hospital governing board in Hendricks County.

**Effective:** July 1, 1998.

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January 6, 1998, read first time and referred to Committee on Governmental and Regulatory Affairs.

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Introduced

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 health.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 16-22-2-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.35-1997,  
2 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 1998]: Sec. 7. (a) Except as provided in subsection ~~(d)~~; **(e)**,  
4 **this section applies to** a governing board:  
5 (1) of four (4) members in existence on September 2, 1971; or  
6 (2) **of a hospital in a county with a population of more than**  
7 **seventy-five thousand (75,000) but less than seventy-eight**  
8 **thousand (78,000).**  
9 (b) **A governing board** may petition the county executive to  
10 increase the size of the board to five (5), six (6), seven (7), eight (8), or  
11 nine (9) members. If the county executive approves the petition, the  
12 county executive shall appoint new members to increase the number of  
13 board members to the chosen size in the following manner:  
14 (1) If a board size of:  
15 (A) five (5) or six (6) members is chosen, not more than three  
16 (3) members may be of the same political party;  
17 (B) seven (7) or eight (8) members is chosen, not more than

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- 1 four (4) members may be of the same political party; and  
 2 (C) nine (9) members is chosen, not more than five (5)  
 3 members may be of the same political party.  
 4 (2) All members must be residents of the county in which the  
 5 hospital is located.  
 6 (3) If a board size of five (5) members is chosen, a new member  
 7 shall be appointed for an initial term of one (1) year.  
 8 (4) If a board size of six (6) members is chosen, the new members  
 9 shall be appointed in the following order as necessary:  
 10 (A) One (1) new member for an initial term of one (1) year.  
 11 (B) One (1) new member for an initial term of two (2) years.  
 12 (5) If a board size of seven (7) members is chosen, the new  
 13 members shall be appointed in the following order as necessary:  
 14 (A) One (1) new member for an initial term of one (1) year.  
 15 (B) One (1) new member for an initial term of two (2) years.  
 16 (C) One (1) new member for an initial term of three (3) years.  
 17 (6) If a board size of eight (8) members is chosen, the new  
 18 members shall be appointed in the following order as necessary:  
 19 (A) One (1) new member for an initial term of one (1) year.  
 20 (B) One (1) new member for an initial term of two (2) years.  
 21 (C) One (1) new member for an initial term of three (3) years.  
 22 (D) One (1) new member for an initial term of four (4) years.  
 23 (7) If a board size of nine (9) members is chosen, the new  
 24 members shall be appointed in the following order as necessary:  
 25 (A) Two (2) new members for an initial term of one (1) year.  
 26 (B) One (1) new member for an initial term of two (2) years.  
 27 (C) One (1) new member for an initial term of three (3) years.  
 28 (D) One (1) new member for an initial term of four (4) years.  
 29 (8) If a board size of seven (7), eight (8), or nine (9) members is  
 30 chosen, two (2) members may be licensed physicians.  
 31 ~~(b)~~ (c) A governing board that has increased its size may petition the  
 32 county executive to decrease the size of the board. However, a decrease  
 33 under this subsection may only be accomplished through:  
 34 (1) the vacancy of a member's position, either through expiration  
 35 of the member's term or any other cause; or  
 36 (2) removal of a member as provided under applicable law.  
 37 ~~(c)~~ (d) There is no limit to the number of times a governing board  
 38 may seek to increase or decrease its size under this section.  
 39 ~~(d)~~ (e) For a governing board of four (4) members located in a  
 40 county having a population of:  
 41 (1) more than thirteen thousand (13,000) but less than thirteen  
 42 thousand six hundred (13,600);



1           (2) more than twenty-three thousand (23,000) but less than  
2           twenty-three thousand five hundred (23,500); or  
3           (3) more than thirty thousand six hundred (30,600) but less than  
4           thirty-one thousand (31,000);  
5           the county executive may increase the number of board members to  
6           five (5), six (6), or seven (7), subject to the limitations of this section.  
7           After the initial appointments, each board member shall be appointed  
8           to serve for a term of four (4) years.  
9           SECTION 2. IC 16-22-2-5.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
10          1, 1998].

