

HOUSE BILL No. 1269

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 2-2.1-1-1; IC 2-2.1-1-15.

Synopsis: Discharge petition. Provides that if two-thirds of the members of the house of representatives or the senate sign a petition requesting that a bill assigned to a committee of the house of representatives or the senate respectively be placed on the house of representatives or senate second reading calendar, the bill becomes eligible for second reading and may be called by the author of the bill on second reading at any time.

Effective: July 1, 1998.

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January 13, 1998, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures.

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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 the general assembly.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 2-2.1-1-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.4-1995,
2 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 1998]: Sec. 1. The following definitions apply throughout this
4 chapter:
- 5 (1) "Bill" includes a bill and a joint resolution.
 - 6 (2) "Body" refers to either of the following:
 - 7 (A) The house of representatives with respect to a matter
8 before the house of representatives.
 - 9 (B) The senate with respect to a matter before the senate.
 - 10 (3) "Chief administrative officer" refers to the following:
 - 11 (A) With respect to the house of representatives, the
12 principal clerk of the house.
 - 13 (B) With respect to the senate, the principal secretary of
14 the senate.
 - 15 (4) "Committee" refers to any committee created by the house
16 of representatives or the senate.
 - 17 (5) "Member" refers to the following:



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- 1 **(A) A representative.**
 2 **(B) A senator.**
 3 **(C) With respect to a committee, a member of the**
 4 **committee.**

5 ~~(2)~~ **(6)** "Term of the general assembly" means that two (2) year
 6 period of time extending from the first Wednesday after the first
 7 Monday in November of any even-numbered year until, but not
 8 including, the first Wednesday after the first Monday in
 9 November of the next even-numbered year.

10 ~~(3)~~ **(7)** "Session" refers to a regular session, regular technical
 11 session, or special session of the general assembly.

12 ~~(4)~~ **(8)** "Special session" means that period of time during which
 13 the general assembly is convened in session upon the
 14 proclamation and call of the governor under Article 4, Section 9
 15 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana.

16 SECTION 2. IC 2-2.1-1-15 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 17 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 18 1, 1998]: **Sec. 15. (a) A member of the body may file with the chief**
 19 **administrative officer a petition stating that those members who**
 20 **have signed the petition request that the bill named in the petition**
 21 **that has been assigned to a committee be placed on the body's**
 22 **second reading calendar. A petition described in this subsection:**

- 23 **(1) must be:**
 24 **(A) in writing; and**
 25 **(B) signed by at least one (1) member of the body; and**
 26 **(2) may be signed by more than one (1) member of the body**
 27 **at the time the petition is filed.**

28 **(b) The chief administrative officer shall receive a petition**
 29 **described in subsection (a) filed by a member. The chief**
 30 **administrative officer shall make a petition described in subsection**
 31 **(a) available for:**

- 32 **(1) public inspection; and**
 33 **(2) signature by members of the body;**
 34 **at all times during the chief administrative officer's business hours.**

35 **(c) Whenever a petition described in subsection (a) has been**
 36 **signed by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the body, the**
 37 **bill specified in the petition becomes eligible for second reading**
 38 **and may be called by the author of the bill on second reading at**
 39 **any time.**



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