

# HOUSE BILL No. 1270

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 2-2.1-1; IC 2-4-2-1.

**Synopsis:** Legislative procedures. Provides that a legislator may not introduce more than five bills during a short session of the general assembly. Provides that a member of a legislative committee may not vote on a matter before the committee unless the member is physically present at the meeting at the time the vote is taken. Provides that a legislator may not vote for another legislator on a matter before the house of representatives or the senate. Provides that a conference committee report for a bill is not eligible to be considered by the house of representatives or the senate until the report has lain on the members' desks for at least 24 hours. Requires live audio and video transmission and recording of all sessions of the house of representatives and the senate. Provides that the chairman of a  
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**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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Introduced

Second Regular Session 110th General Assembly (1998)

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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) "Committee" refers to any committee created by the house
  - 11 of representatives or the senate.
  - 12 (4) "Member" refers to the following:
    - 13 (A) A representative.
    - 14 (B) A senator.
    - 15 (C) With respect to a committee, a member of the



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1 **committee.**

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

7 ~~(3)~~ **(6)** "Session" refers to a regular session, regular technical  
8 session, or special session of the general assembly.

9 ~~(4)~~ **(7)** "Special session" means that period of time during which  
10 the general assembly is convened in session upon the  
11 proclamation and call of the governor under Article 4, Section 9  
12 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana.

13 SECTION 2. IC 2-2.1-1-3.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
14 AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY**  
15 **1, 1998]: Sec. 3.3. A member may not introduce more than five (5)**  
16 **bills during a second regular session of the general assembly.**

17 SECTION 3. IC 2-2.1-1-14 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
18 AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY**  
19 **1, 1998]: Sec. 14. (a) A member of a committee may not vote on a**  
20 **matter before the committee unless the member is physically**  
21 **present at the meeting at the time the vote is taken. If a bill or any**  
22 **other matter is reported by the committee to the body in violation**  
23 **of this subsection, the matter shall, upon the motion of any**  
24 **member, be recommitted to the committee that reported the bill**  
25 **for action in compliance with this subsection.**

26 **(b) A member may not vote for another member on any matter**  
27 **before the body. A member who violates this subsection may not do**  
28 **any of the following during the session day after the violation**  
29 **occurs:**

30 **(1) Call a bill on second or third reading.**

31 **(2) Offer a resolution.**

32 **(3) Make a motion.**

33 **(4) Explain a vote.**

34 **(5) Speak on a point of personal privilege.**

35 **A member who violates this subsection may participate in debate**  
36 **and vote on matters before the body.**

37 SECTION 4. IC 2-2.1-1-15 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
38 AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY**  
39 **1, 1998]: Sec. 15. A conference committee report for a bill is not**  
40 **eligible for consideration by the body until the conference**  
41 **committee report has lain on the members' desks for at least**  
42 **twenty-four (24) hours.**



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1 SECTION 5. IC 2-2.1-1-16 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 2 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 3 1, 1998]: **Sec. 16. (a) At every meeting of a body, live audio and  
 4 video transmission and recording of the meeting must be provided  
 5 that satisfy at least the following standards:**

6 **(1) A viewer must be able to see the following at all times:**

7 **(A) The location where the body's presiding officer  
 8 presides over the body.**

9 **(B) The location where members of the body are permitted  
 10 to address the body.**

11 **(2) A listener must be able to hear any public statement made  
 12 by the body's presiding officer or by any member of the body  
 13 who addresses the body.**

14 **(3) The body's presiding officer may not control the audio or  
 15 video transmission or recording of the meeting.**

16 **(b) The body shall make the live audio and video transmission  
 17 of a meeting available to any person who requests access to the  
 18 transmission. The legislative council may adopt policies to charge  
 19 persons for the costs of providing a transmission under this  
 20 subsection.**

21 **(c) The recording of a meeting required by this section is a  
 22 public record subject to IC 5-14-3.**

23 **(d) Except for unanticipated equipment or other malfunction,  
 24 a body may not convene and transact business unless the  
 25 transmission and recording requirements of this section are  
 26 fulfilled. If a body attempts to meet in violation of the requirements  
 27 of this section, the body is considered adjourned upon the motion  
 28 of any member of the body.**

29 SECTION 6. IC 2-4-2-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 30 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998]: **Sec. 1. (a) The chairman, or acting  
 31 chairman for the time being, of any committee appointed by either  
 32 house or by the joint action of the two (2) houses, of the general  
 33 assembly of this state be and is hereby authorized to may administer all  
 34 oaths necessary to be administered to witnesses testifying or called to  
 35 testify before such the committee.**

36 **(b) The chairman or acting chairman of a committee may  
 37 require that written material given to a committee for the  
 38 committee's consideration shall be affirmed under the penalties for  
 39 perjury.**

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