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HOUSE BILL No. 1320

DIGEST OF HB1320 (Updated January 26, 1999 11:27 am - DI 94)

Citations Affected: IC 36-2; noncode.

Synopsis: Porter County commissioners. Provides for the county commissioners of Porter County to be elected from three single-member districts.

Effective: July 1, 1999.

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January 12, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government.
January 28, 1999, reported — Do Pass.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 36-2-2-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 4. (a) This subsection does not
3 apply to a county having a population of:
4 (1) more than four hundred thousand (400,000) but less than
5 seven hundred thousand (700,000); or
6 (2) more than two hundred thousand (200,000) but less than three
7 hundred thousand (300,000).
8 The executive shall divide the county into three (3) districts that are
9 composed of contiguous territory and are reasonably compact. The
10 district boundaries drawn by the executive must not cross precinct
11 boundary lines and must divide townships only when a division is
12 clearly necessary to accomplish redistricting under this section. If
13 necessary, the county auditor shall call a special meeting of the
14 executive to establish or revise districts.
15 (b) This subsection applies to a county having a population of more
16 than four hundred thousand (400,000) but less than seven hundred
17 thousand (700,000). A county redistricting commission shall divide the

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1 county into three (3) single-member districts that comply with
2 subsection (d). The commission is composed of:

- 3 (1) the members of the Indiana election commission;
4 (2) two (2) members of the senate selected by the president pro
5 tempore, one (1) from each political party; and
6 (3) two (2) members of the house of representatives selected by
7 the speaker, one (1) from each political party.

8 The legislative members of the commission have no vote and may act
9 only in an advisory capacity. A majority vote of the voting members is
10 required for the commission to take action. The commission may meet
11 as frequently as necessary to perform its duty under this subsection.
12 The commission's members serve without additional compensation
13 above that provided for them as members of the Indiana election
14 commission, the senate, or the house of representatives.

15 (c) This subsection applies to **the following counties**:

16 (1) A county having a population of more than two hundred
17 thousand (200,000) but less than three hundred thousand
18 (300,000).

19 (2) **A county having a population of more than one hundred
20 twenty-five thousand (125,000) but less than one hundred
21 twenty-nine thousand (129,000).**

22 The executive shall divide the county into three (3) single-member
23 districts that comply with subsection (d).

24 (d) Single-member districts established under subsection (b) or (c)
25 must:

- 26 (1) be compact, subject only to natural boundary lines (such as
27 railroads, major highways, rivers, creeks, parks, and major
28 industrial complexes);
29 (2) contain, as nearly as is possible, equal population; and
30 (3) not cross precinct lines.

31 (e) A division under subsection (a), (b), or (c) shall be made:

- 32 (1) in 1991 and every ten (10) years after that; and
33 (2) when the county adopts an order declaring a county boundary
34 to be changed under IC 36-2-1-2.

35 (f) A division under subsection (a), (b), or (c) may be made in any
36 odd-numbered year not described in subsection (e).

37 **SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999] (a) This SECTION**
38 **applies only to the county executive of a county with a population**
39 **of more than one hundred twenty-five thousand (125,000) but less**
40 **than one hundred twenty-nine thousand (129,000).**

41 **(b) The initial election of the county executive from the three (3)**
42 **single-member districts established under IC 36-2-2-4, as amended**

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- 1 **by this act, is the general election held in 2000.**
- 2 **(c) The county executive shall divide the whole county into three**
- 3 **(3) single-member districts before January 1, 2000.**
- 4 **(d) The provisions of IC 3 apply to the initial election under this**
- 5 **act.**
- 6 **(e) This SECTION expires July 1, 2001.**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Local Government, to which was referred House Bill 1320, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

STEVENSON, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 7, nays 5.

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