

SENATE BILL No. 272

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: P.L.241-1997, SECTION 1.

Synopsis: Northwest Indiana Transportation. Extends the northwest Indiana commuter rail and transportation study commission through November 1, 2001. Provides for the appointment of a vice chairperson.

Effective: July 1, 1999.

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January 7, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure.

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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 1998 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning utilities and transportation.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. P.L.241-1997, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ
- 2 AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: SECTION 1. (a) As used
- 3 in this SECTION, "member" refers to a person appointed under
- 4 subsection (c)(3) or (c)(4) or to a legislator whose district includes all
- 5 or part of Lake County, Porter County, LaPorte County, St. Joseph
- 6 County, or Elkhart County.
- 7 (b) The northwest Indiana commuter rail and transportation study
- 8 commission is established.
- 9 (c) The commission consists of fourteen (14) voting members
- 10 appointed as follows:
- 11 (1) Six (6) members of the senate, not more than three (3) of
- 12 whom may be members of the same political party, appointed by
- 13 the president pro tempore of the senate.
- 14 (2) Six (6) members of the house of representatives, not more
- 15 than three (3) of whom may be members of the same political
- 16 party, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.
- 17 (3) One (1) individual who is not a legislator, appointed by the
- 18 Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission.



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- 1 (4) One (1) individual who is not a legislator, appointed by the
- 2 Michiana Area Council of Governments.
- 3 (d) The president pro tempore of the senate shall select one (1)
- 4 member of the commission to serve as the chairperson **and one (1)**
- 5 **member of the commission to serve as the vice chairperson.**
- 6 (e) The commission shall study the following issues:
- 7 (1) The feasibility of establishing improvements to commuter
- 8 transportation and rail service in the Westlake County-Chicago
- 9 and Valparaiso-Chicago corridors.
- 10 (2) All aspects of regional mass transportation and road and
- 11 highway needs in Lake County, Porter County, LaPorte County,
- 12 St. Joseph County, and Elkhart County.
- 13 (3) The commission may study other topics as assigned by the
- 14 legislative council.
- 15 (f) The commission shall submit a final report of the commission's
- 16 findings and recommendations to the legislative council before
- 17 November 1, ~~1999~~: **2001**.
- 18 (g) Each member of the commission is entitled to receive the same
- 19 per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to individuals serving as
- 20 legislative or lay members on interim study committees established by
- 21 the legislative council.
- 22 (h) The legislative services agency shall provide staff support to the
- 23 commission.
- 24 (i) This SECTION expires November 2, ~~1999~~: **2001**.

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