

HOUSE BILL No. 1085

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 36-2-2-4.

Synopsis: County commissioner election districts. Provides that the county executive in all counties other than Marion County shall draw county commissioner districts that are compact, contain equal population, are composed of contiguous territory, include whole townships if possible, and do not cross precinct lines. Provides that the new districts are to be drawn in 2001.

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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.

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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) **single-member**
9 districts that ~~are composed of contiguous territory and are reasonably~~
10 ~~compact. The district boundaries drawn by the executive must not cross~~
11 ~~precinct boundary lines and must divide townships only when a~~
12 ~~division is clearly necessary to accomplish redistricting under this~~
13 ~~section: **comply with subsection (d)**.~~ If necessary, the county auditor
14 shall call a special meeting of the executive to establish or revise
15 districts.
16 (b) This subsection applies to a county having a population of more
17 than four hundred thousand (400,000) but less than seven hundred



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1 thousand (700,000). A county redistricting commission shall divide the
 2 county into three (3) single-member districts that comply with
 3 subsection (d). The commission is composed of:

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

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

16 (c) This subsection applies to a county having a population of more
 17 than two hundred thousand (200,000) but less than three hundred
 18 thousand (300,000). The executive shall divide the county into three
 19 (3) single-member districts that comply with subsection (d).

20 (d) Single-member districts established under subsection (a), (b), or
 21 (c) must:

- 22 (1) be compact, subject only to natural boundary lines (such as
 23 railroads, major highways, rivers, creeks, parks, and major
 24 industrial complexes);
 25 (2) contain, as nearly as is possible, equal population; and
 26 (3) not cross precinct lines;
 27 **(4) be composed of contiguous territory; and**
 28 **(5) include whole townships, except when a division is clearly**
 29 **necessary to accomplish redistricting under this section.**

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

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

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

36 **SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999] (a) Notwithstanding**
 37 **IC 36-2-2-4, as amended by this act, a county is not required to**
 38 **revise county commissioner district boundaries until required to do**
 39 **so under IC 36-2-2-4(e).**

40 **(b) This SECTION expires December 31, 2001.**

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