

---

---

# HOUSE BILL No. 1224

---

## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 14-8-2-279.5; IC 14-25-16.

**Synopsis:** Drinking water task force. Creates a ten member drinking water task force (task force) to study and make recommendations concerning drinking water availability as an economic and environmental necessity. Provides that appointments to the task force are made by the director of the department of natural resources (DNR), and requires DNR to staff the task force. Requires certain state agencies to designate a representative to advise the task force. Permits the director of DNR to invite representatives of other state and federal agencies to advise the task force. Requires the task force to make an annual report of its activities to the water resources study committee and the legislative council.

**Effective:** July 1, 2009.

---

---

**Stemler**

---

---

January 12, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

---

---

C  
o  
p  
y



First Regular Session 116th General Assembly (2009)

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 2008 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

C  
O  
P  
Y

## HOUSE BILL No. 1224

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 14-8-2-279.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.112-2006,
- 2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 279.5. "Task force", for purposes of:
- 4 (1) IC 14-25-14, has the meaning set forth in IC 14-25-14-1; and
- 5 (2) **IC 14-25-16, has the meaning set forth in IC 14-25-16-1.**
- 6 SECTION 2. IC 14-25-16 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 7 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 8 JULY 1, 2009]:
- 9 **Chapter 16. Drinking Water Task Force**
- 10 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "task force" refers to the**
- 11 **drinking water task force established by section 2 of this chapter.**
- 12 **Sec. 2. (a) The drinking water task force is established to study**
- 13 **and make recommendations concerning the following issues with**
- 14 **a focus on drinking water availability as an economic and**
- 15 **environmental necessity:**
- 16 (1) **Available quantities and sources of drinking water.**
- 17 (2) **Future needs.**



1           **(3) Resource management.**  
 2           **(4) The determination of ownership rights, particularly in**  
 3           **ground water.**  
 4           **(5) Drinking water delivery systems.**  
 5           **(6) Opportunities to work with neighboring states concerning**  
 6           **shared drinking water resources.**  
 7           **(7) Other related issues.**  
 8           **(b) The task force shall provide an annual report of activities**  
 9           **and recommendations to:**  
 10           **(1) the water resources study committee established by**  
 11           **IC 2-5-25-1; and**  
 12           **(2) the legislative council, in an electronic format under**  
 13           **IC 5-14-6.**  
 14           **Sec. 3. (a) The task force consists of ten (10) individuals, not**  
 15           **more than five (5) of whom may be members of the same political**  
 16           **party, appointed by the director for four (4) year terms and**  
 17           **representing the following interests:**  
 18           **(1) Key water withdrawal users, including the following:**  
 19           **(A) Public water supply utilities.**  
 20           **(B) Agriculture.**  
 21           **(C) Steam electric generating utility companies.**  
 22           **(D) Industrial users.**  
 23           **(2) Academic experts in aquatic habitat and hydrology.**  
 24           **(3) Municipalities.**  
 25           **(4) Key stakeholders, including the following:**  
 26           **(A) Environmentalists.**  
 27           **(B) Consumer advocates.**  
 28           **(C) Economic development advocates.**  
 29           **(D) The public.**  
 30           **(b) The director shall serve on and is chairperson of the task**  
 31           **force. The department shall provide staff support for the task**  
 32           **force.**  
 33           **Sec. 4. (a) Each of the following state agencies shall designate a**  
 34           **representative to advise the task force:**  
 35           **(1) The department.**  
 36           **(2) The department of environmental management.**  
 37           **(3) The department of homeland security.**  
 38           **(4) The Indiana state department of agriculture.**  
 39           **(5) The state department of health.**  
 40           **(b) In addition to the representatives set forth in subsection (a),**  
 41           **the director may invite representatives of other state and federal**  
 42           **agencies to advise the task force, as appropriate.**

**C  
O  
P  
Y**



1           **Sec. 5. The affirmative votes of a majority of the voting**  
 2 **members of the task force are required for the task force to take**  
 3 **action on a measure.**  
 4           **Sec. 6. At its first meeting, the task force shall establish a list of**  
 5 **its activities and the time frame within which it will carry out the**  
 6 **activities.**  
 7           **SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009] (a) As used in this**  
 8 **SECTION, "task force" refers to the drinking water task force**  
 9 **established by IC 14-25-16-2, as added by this act.**  
 10           **(b) The director of the department of natural resources shall**  
 11 **make appointments to the task force by January 1, 2010.**  
 12           **(c) Notwithstanding IC 14-25-16-3(a), as added by this act, the**  
 13 **initial terms of the members of the task force are as follows:**  
 14               **(1) Fifty percent (50%) of the members serve a term of two**  
 15               **(2) years.**  
 16               **(2) Fifty percent (50%) of the members serve a term of four**  
 17               **(4) years.**  
 18           **The director of the department of natural resources shall designate**  
 19 **whether a member is appointed to a term described in subdivision**  
 20 **(1) or a term described in subdivision (2).**  
 21           **(d) The initial term of a member of the task force begins**  
 22 **January 1, 2010.**  
 23           **(e) This SECTION expires July 1, 2014.**

**C**  
**O**  
**P**  
**Y**

