
SENATE BILL No. 199

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-22-2; IC 16-22-3-17.

Synopsis: County hospital matters. Allows noncounty residents to be members of county governing boards with certain limitations and under certain circumstances. Requires a governing board to submit a list naming at least one but not more than three candidates for consideration of the governing board for a vacancy on the governing board and a list of qualifications for the vacancy. (Current law requires the governing board to submit three candidate names.) Requires the appointing authority of a county hospital governing board to consider a list of qualifications submitted by the governing board for assessing a candidate for a vacant governing board seat. Allows a county hospital governing board to dispose of personal property owned by the county hospital if the personal property value does not exceed \$30,000. (The limit under current law is \$15,000.)

Effective: Upon passage.

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January 5, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-22-2-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 3. (a) This section
3 applies to hospitals operated under IC 16-12-1 (before its repeal on July
4 1, 1993).
5 (b) The management of a hospital shall be under the control of a
6 governing board consisting of eleven (11) members. Three (3) of the
7 members of the governing board must be the members of the county
8 executive.
9 (c) If the hospital is acquired or equipped without the aid of a
10 hospital association:
11 (1) three (3) members of the governing board shall be appointed
12 by the county executive; and
13 (2) five (5) members of the governing board, one (1) of whom
14 may be a licensed physician, shall be appointed by the county
15 fiscal body.
16 **Not more than two (2) members appointed under this subsection**
17 **may reside in an Indiana county other than the county in which the**



1 **hospital is located if the member to be appointed was**
2 **recommended by the governing board as set forth in section 11 of**
3 **this chapter to fill the vacancy.**

4 (d) If the hospital is acquired or equipped with the aid of a hospital
5 association:

6 (1) four (4) members of the governing board, one (1) of whom
7 may be a licensed physician, shall be appointed by the hospital
8 association;

9 (2) two (2) members of the governing board shall be appointed by
10 the county executive; and

11 (3) two (2) members of the governing board shall be appointed by
12 the county fiscal body.

13 **Not more than two (2) members appointed under this subsection**
14 **may reside in an Indiana county other than the county in which the**
15 **hospital is located if the member to be appointed was**
16 **recommended by the governing board as set forth in section 11 of**
17 **this chapter to fill the vacancy.**

18 (e) The term of an appointed member of the governing board is two
19 (2) years, except a person appointed by the county executive under
20 subsection (c)(1) or (d)(2) serves a one (1) year term. Thereafter, the
21 persons appointed by the county executive to succeed initial persons
22 serve two (2) year terms.

23 SECTION 2. IC 16-22-2-3.1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
24 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 3.1. (a) This
25 section applies to a hospital operated under IC 16-12-4-2 (before its
26 repeal on July 1, 1993) that is located in a county having a population
27 of more than forty-one thousand (41,000) but less than forty-three
28 thousand (43,000).

29 (b) The management of a hospital is under the control of a
30 governing board. The governing board consists of nine (9) members
31 appointed by the county executive as follows:

32 (1) Three (3) members must be members of the county executive.

33 (2) Six (6) members **meeting the following requirements:**

34 (A) **At least four (4) members** must be residents of the
35 county.

36 (B) **Not more than two (2) members appointed under this**
37 **subdivision may be residents of an Indiana county other**
38 **than the county in which the hospital is located if the**
39 **member to be appointed was recommended by the**
40 **governing board as set forth in section 11 of this chapter to**
41 **fill the vacancy.**

42 (C) One (1) member **appointed under this subdivision** may

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also be a licensed physician.

(c) The term of each member of the governing board is three (3) years.

(d) If a vacancy occurs due to the expiration of an appointed member's term and the county executive does not fill the vacancy within sixty (60) days from the date of expiration, the member whose term has expired is automatically reappointed for another term.

SECTION 3. IC 16-22-2-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 4. (a) This section applies to the governing boards of county hospitals in a county having a population of more than thirty-nine thousand (39,000) but less than thirty-nine thousand six hundred (39,600).

(b) The governing board of a county hospital consists of seven (7) members, as follows:

(1) Three (3) members must be the members of the county executive.

(2) Four (4) members, one (1) of whom may be a licensed physician, shall be appointed by the judge of the circuit court of the county.

Not more than two (2) members appointed under this subsection may be residents of an Indiana county other than the county in which the hospital is located if the member to be appointed was recommended by the governing board as set forth in section 11 of this chapter to fill the vacancy.

(c) The term of office for members of the governing board, other than the members of the county executive, is two (2) years.

SECTION 4. IC 16-22-2-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 5. (a) This section applies to county hospitals in counties having a population of more than eighteen thousand (18,000) but less than eighteen thousand three hundred (18,300).

(b) The hospital and the affairs and business of the hospital shall be under the management and control of a governing board consisting of seven (7) members as follows:

(1) Three (3) members must be ~~the~~ members of the county executive.

(2) Two (2) members shall be appointed by the county fiscal body, one (1) of whom may be a licensed physician.

(3) Two (2) members shall be appointed by the county executive.

Not more than two (2) members appointed under this subsection may be residents of an Indiana county other than the county in which the hospital is located if the member to be appointed was

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recommended by the governing board as set forth in section 11 of this chapter to fill the vacancy.

(c) One (1) of the members initially appointed by the county fiscal body serves for one (1) year and one (1) of the members initially appointed serves for two (2) years. After the initial appointment, the members serve for two (2) years.

(d) One (1) of the members initially appointed by the county executive serves for one (1) year and one (1) of the members initially appointed serves for two (2) years. After the initial appointment, the members serve for two (2) years.

SECTION 5. IC 16-22-2-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 7. (a) Except as provided in subsection (d), a governing board of four (4) members in existence on September 2, 1971, may petition the county executive to increase the size of the board to five (5), six (6), seven (7), eight (8), or nine (9) members. If the county executive approves the petition, the county executive shall appoint new members to increase the number of board members to the chosen size in the following manner:

(1) All members must be residents of the county in which the hospital is located **except in the following circumstances:**

(A) If a determination is made to increase a board size to five (5) or six (6) members, one (1) member may be a resident of an Indiana county other than the county in which the hospital is located if the member to be appointed was recommended by the governing board as set forth in section 11 of this chapter to fill the vacancy.

(B) If a determination is made to increase a board size to at least seven (7) members, not more than two (2) members may be residents of an Indiana county other than the county in which the hospital is located if the member to be appointed was recommended by the governing board as set forth in section 11 of this chapter to fill the vacancy.

(2) If a board size of five (5) members is chosen, a new member shall be appointed for an initial term of one (1) year.

(3) If a board size of six (6) members is chosen, the new members shall be appointed in the following order as necessary:

- (A) One (1) new member for an initial term of one (1) year.
- (B) One (1) new member for an initial term of two (2) years.

(4) If a board size of seven (7) members is chosen, the new members shall be appointed in the following order as necessary:

- (A) One (1) new member for an initial term of one (1) year.
- (B) One (1) new member for an initial term of two (2) years.

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- 1 (C) One (1) new member for an initial term of three (3) years.
 2 (5) If a board size of eight (8) members is chosen, the new
 3 members shall be appointed in the following order as necessary:
 4 (A) One (1) new member for an initial term of one (1) year.
 5 (B) One (1) new member for an initial term of two (2) years.
 6 (C) One (1) new member for an initial term of three (3) years.
 7 (D) One (1) new member for an initial term of four (4) years.
 8 (6) If a board size of nine (9) members is chosen, the new
 9 members shall be appointed in the following order as necessary:
 10 (A) Two (2) new members for an initial term of one (1) year.
 11 (B) One (1) new member for an initial term of two (2) years.
 12 (C) One (1) new member for an initial term of three (3) years.
 13 (D) One (1) new member for an initial term of four (4) years.
 14 (7) If a board size of seven (7), eight (8), or nine (9) members is
 15 chosen, two (2) members may be licensed physicians.
 16 (b) A governing board that has increased its size may petition the
 17 county executive to decrease the size of the board. However, a decrease
 18 under this subsection may only be accomplished through:
 19 (1) the vacancy of a member's position, either through expiration
 20 of the member's term or any other cause; or
 21 (2) removal of a member as provided under applicable law.
 22 (c) There is no limit to the number of times a governing board may
 23 seek to increase or decrease its size under this section.
 24 (d) For a governing board of four (4) members located in a county
 25 having a population of:
 26 (1) more than fourteen thousand five hundred (14,500) but less
 27 than fourteen thousand nine hundred (14,900);
 28 (2) more than twenty-five thousand (25,000) but less than
 29 twenty-five thousand five hundred (25,500); or
 30 (3) more than thirty-three thousand eight hundred (33,800) but
 31 less than thirty-four thousand three hundred (34,300);
 32 the county executive may increase the number of board members to
 33 five (5), six (6), or seven (7), subject to the limitations of this section.
 34 After the initial appointments, each board member shall be appointed
 35 to serve for a term of four (4) years.
 36 SECTION 6. IC 16-22-2-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 37 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 8. (a) This section
 38 applies to a county where a city hospital is operated under IC 16-23-1.
 39 (b) A county hospital may be created by an order of the county
 40 executive without filing a petition or holding an election.
 41 (c) The county executive may create a hospital association under
 42 IC 16-22-6.

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1 (d) An appointing board shall be formed to appoint the members of
2 the governing board of the county hospital. The appointing board shall
3 consist of three (3) members, as follows:

- 4 (1) The executive of the city where the city hospital is located.
- 5 (2) The judge of the circuit court of the county.
- 6 (3) A member of the county executive chosen by the county
7 executive of the county.

8 (e) Each member must take and subscribe an oath for the honest and
9 faithful performance of the member's duties, which shall be filed in the
10 auditor's office of the county.

11 (f) The governing board consists of seven (7) members with the
12 following qualifications:

13 (1) ~~Each member~~ **At least five (5) members** must be a qualified
14 ~~voter voters~~ in the county.

15 **(2) Not more than two (2) members may be residents of an**
16 **Indiana county other than the county in which the hospital is**
17 **located if the member to be appointed was recommended by**
18 **the governing board as set forth in section 11 of this chapter**
19 **to fill the vacancy.**

20 ~~(2)~~ **(3)** Not more than two (2) members may be licensed
21 physicians.

22 ~~(3)~~ **(4)** One (1) member may be a registered nurse licensed to
23 practice in Indiana.

24 (g) Initial and subsequent appointments to the hospital board shall
25 be made for staggered terms ending on February 1 to coincide with the
26 terms of members of the city hospital board of directors created by
27 IC 16-23-1.

28 (h) The appointing board members may serve without bond. The
29 regular meeting of the appointing board for the appointment of
30 members to the hospital board shall be on the third Monday in January
31 of each year following the year of the initial appointments. The meeting
32 may adjourn periodically until the appointments for all expired or
33 vacant memberships are made. Vacancies occurring on the hospital
34 board may be filled at a special meeting of the appointing board called
35 by the county auditor or by two (2) members of the appointing board
36 on five (5) days notice to all appointing board members, or without
37 notice if all of the appointing board members are present at the
38 meeting. Each meeting of the appointing board shall be held at the
39 county executive's room of the county, unless by unanimous consent
40 the board determines to hold the meeting at another location.

41 (i) The county executive shall choose the board's member of the
42 appointing board each year following the year of initial appointments

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1 at the board's regular January meeting.

2 (j) The governing board may operate the county hospital jointly with
3 the city hospital operated in the same county under IC 16-23-1. The
4 joint operation may include joint employment of an administrator and
5 other personnel, joint policies, joint purchases, joint services, and other
6 programs to deliver health care at a reduced cost. The governing board
7 of the county hospital may contract with the governing board of the city
8 hospital to allocate revenues and expenditures and for the
9 administration of the hospitals, but records must be kept that reflect the
10 separate ownership, financial obligations, and existence of the county
11 hospital and the city hospital.

12 SECTION 7. IC 16-22-2-11 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
13 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 11. (a) Except as
14 provided in section 12 of this chapter, whenever a vacancy occurs on
15 the governing board, the existing governing board shall submit a list of
16 **the following:**

17 **(1) At least one (1) but not more than three (3) candidates for**
18 **each vacancy to be filled to the appointing authority.**

19 **(2) Qualifications for assessment of a candidate for each**
20 **vacancy.**

21 (b) For each vacancy, the appointing authority may do one (1) of the
22 following:

23 (1) Appoint one (1) of the ~~three (3)~~ candidates submitted by the
24 governing board.

25 (2) Request and receive from the governing board a second list of
26 **at least one (1) but not more than three (3) candidates.**

27 (3) Appoint an individual who meets the requirements concerning
28 board members and who was not named in the initial list
29 submitted by the governing board.

30 **The appointing authority shall consider the list of qualifications**
31 **submitted by the governing body under subsection (a)(2) when**
32 **making an appointment.**

33 (c) If the appointing authority requests and receives a second list of
34 ~~three (3)~~ candidates under subsection (b)(2), the appointing authority
35 may do one (1) of the following:

36 (1) Appoint one (1) ~~of the three (3) candidates~~ **candidate** named
37 in the second list.

38 (2) Appoint an individual who meets the requirements concerning
39 board members and who was not named in the second list of ~~three~~
40 ~~(3)~~ candidates submitted by the governing board.

41 (d) The appointment for a vacancy shall be made not more than
42 sixty (60) days after submission of the initial list of candidates under

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subsection (a).

(e) If the vacancy occurred due to the expiration of a member's term and the vacancy is not filled within sixty (60) days of the expiration date, the member whose term expired is automatically reappointed for another term.

(f) Each candidate submitted by the governing board must meet the requirements concerning governing board members.

SECTION 8. IC 16-22-3-17 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 17. (a) The governing board may mortgage all or part of an interest in real or personal property owned by the hospital and may enter into a sale and leaseback of hospital property on terms and conditions acceptable to the board.

(b) The following property may be disposed of on terms and conditions acceptable to the board:

- (1) Real or personal property subject to a mortgage or sale and leaseback arrangement.
- (2) Real or personal property in which the hospital has an ownership interest as a participant in an organization or activity described in section 1(b) of this chapter.
- (3) An arrangement in which at least two (2) hospitals participate for the provision of any hospital or related services, including participation or ownership as a tenant in common with other hospitals.

(c) Except as provided in subsection (b), real or personal property or an interest in real or personal property owned by the hospital may be disposed of as follows:

- (1) Personal property:
 - (A) that has limited or no use to the hospital; and
 - (B) that:
 - (i) has value not exceeding ~~fifteen~~ **thirty** thousand dollars (~~\$15,000~~); (**\$30,000**); or
 - (ii) is traded upon purchase of other personal property;
- may be disposed of without the necessity of advertising, auctioning, or requesting bids.
- (2) Real property that the board considers no longer necessary for hospital purposes shall be sold after the following occur:
 - (A) The property is appraised by three (3) disinterested owners of taxable real property of the county.
 - (B) The board publishes notice of the sale one (1) time at least seven (7) days before the date of the sale.
 - (C) The sale is approved by the commissioners.

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1 The board shall determine the time, terms, and conditions of the
2 sale of property.
3 (3) Personal property other than property described in subdivision
4 (1) shall be sold at public auction. The board shall publish notice
5 of the sale one (1) time at least seven (7) days before the date of
6 the sale. If sealed bids are solicited in the published notice of the
7 sale, the bids must be opened in public on the date and time of the
8 sale to satisfy the public auction requirement.
9 Upon the sale of real property under this subsection and the payment
10 of the purchase price, the board and the commissioners shall execute
11 a deed of conveyance to the purchaser. The proceeds of all sales are a
12 part of the hospital funds to be held and used for the use and benefit of
13 the hospital.
14 (d) If a trust (as defined in IC 30-4-1-1(a)) submits a bid in a sale or
15 lease conducted under subsection (b), (c), or (e), the bid must identify
16 each:
17 (1) beneficiary of the trust; and
18 (2) settlor empowered to revoke or modify the trust.
19 (e) If it is determined by the board, the county executive, and the
20 county fiscal body, by joint resolution, that:
21 (1) the hospital should cease doing business as a county hospital;
22 (2) the hospital should be terminated and dissolved; and
23 (3) the entire hospital building or buildings should be sold or
24 leased to a for-profit corporation, partnership, or entity;
25 the proposed sale or lease shall be considered publicly, and the board,
26 the county executive, and the county fiscal body shall follow the
27 procedures of IC 16-22-6-18 concerning notice and hearing on the
28 terms and provisions of the sale or lease. The terms and provisions of
29 the sale or lease shall be determined by the board, the county executive,
30 and the county fiscal body and shall be presented at a hearing as
31 required by IC 16-22-6-18.
32 (f) An individual who is a:
33 (1) board member in the member's capacity as a board member;
34 or
35 (2) member of:
36 (A) the county executive; or
37 (B) the county fiscal body;
38 is immune from potential or actual liability attributable to the
39 individual with respect to a sale or lease under subsection (e).
40 (g) In the event of a sale or lease under this section, the county is not
41 liable for:
42 (1) any liabilities of the hospital that:

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1 (A) were incurred on or before; or
 2 (B) are incurred at any time after;
 3 the sale or lease date; or
 4 (2) any future liabilities incurred by the successor entity;
 5 unless otherwise agreed to by the county at the time of the sale or lease
 6 in the sale or lease document. Any liabilities described in this
 7 subsection are the responsibility of the purchasing or leasing entity,
 8 unless agreed to otherwise in the sale or lease document.
 9 (h) After the hearing on the proposed sale or lease, if it is
 10 determined by the board, the county executive, and the county fiscal
 11 body that the sale or lease should proceed, the hospital building or
 12 buildings shall be sold or leased in accordance with proposed terms and
 13 provisions.
 14 (i) The board, the county executive, and the county fiscal body shall
 15 execute:
 16 (1) a deed of conveyance upon payment of the purchase price if
 17 the buildings are sold; or
 18 (2) a lease upon terms the board, the county executive, and the
 19 county fiscal body consider reasonable if the buildings are leased.
 20 (j) The proceeds of the sale or lease of all of the hospital buildings
 21 must first be applied to outstanding indebtedness attributable to the
 22 hospital buildings. The commissioners shall deposit the balance of the
 23 proceeds from the sale or lease and any property in the hospital fund in:
 24 (1) a nonexpendable interest bearing trust fund from which claims
 25 are paid for county hospital claims for the indigent or any other
 26 fund that the county executive and county fiscal body designate;
 27 or
 28 (2) the county general fund.
 29 **SECTION 9. An emergency is declared for this act.**

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