
SENATE BILL No. 311

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 4-4-31.6.

Synopsis: Miami Nation tribal recognition. Grants state tribe recognition to the Miami Nation of Indiana. Provides that a state tribe does not have the right or authority to: (1) allow negotiations between a state tribe and the state or federal government concerning tribal sovereignty; or (2) allow gaming on tribal land. Provides that a state tribe is not entitled to any special state rights or benefits unless the right or benefit is specifically conferred to the state tribe by statute. Provides that a state tribe has the authority to determine its membership.

Effective: July 1, 2011.

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January 10, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Policy.

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First Regular Session 117th General Assembly (2011)

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 2010 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state offices and administration.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 4-4-31.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2011]:

4 **Chapter 31.6. State Tribe Recognition**

5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "state tribe" means a Native**
6 **American Indian tribe that is indigenous to Indiana and is granted**
7 **state recognition by section 5 of this chapter.**

8 **Sec. 2. (a) This chapter does not confer, reduce, or affect in any**
9 **manner any law, rule, or ordinance concerning a state tribe or the**
10 **state tribe's enrolled members.**

11 **(b) This chapter does not confer upon a state tribe the right or**
12 **authority to do the following:**

13 **(1) Allow negotiations between a state tribe and the state or**
14 **federal government concerning tribal sovereignty.**

15 **(2) Allow gaming on tribal land.**

16 **Sec. 3. A state tribe and the state tribe's enrolled members are**
17 **not entitled to any special state rights or benefits unless the right**



1 or benefit is specifically conferred to the state tribe by statute.

2 Sec. 4. The citizenship criteria to determine the membership for
3 each state tribe shall be determined solely by the governing body
4 of the tribe.

5 Sec. 5. The Miami Nation of Indiana is recognized as a state
6 tribe.

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