
SENATE BILL No. 418

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 5-16-7.

Synopsis: Common construction wage. Provides that the committee established in a county to determine the common construction wage for the county does not need to meet more often than once every three months and that the common construction wage determined at a meeting applies to all public works contracts awarded within the three months following the meeting. (Currently the committee must meet for each project.) Removes a requirement that the department of workforce development must provide reports for each meeting of the committee.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 5-16-7-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 1. (a) Any firm, individual,
3 partnership, limited liability company, or corporation that is awarded
4 a contract by the state, a political subdivision, or a municipal
5 corporation for the construction of a public work, and any
6 subcontractor of the construction, shall pay for each class of work
7 described in subsection (c)(1) on the project a scale of wages that may
8 not be less than the common construction wage.

9 (b) For the purpose of ascertaining what the common construction
10 wage is in the county, the awarding governmental agency, before
11 advertising for the contract, shall set up a committee of five (5) persons
12 as follows:

13 (1) One (1) person representing labor, to be named by the
14 president of the state federation of labor.
15 (2) One (1) person representing industry, to be named by the
16 awarding agency.
17 (3) A third member to be named by the governor.



1 (4) One (1) taxpayer who pays the tax that will be the funding
2 source for the project and resides in the county where the project
3 is located. The owner of the project shall make the appointment
4 under this subdivision.

5 (5) One (1) taxpayer who pays the tax that will be the funding
6 source for the project and resides in the county where the project
7 is located. The legislative body (as defined in IC 36-1-2-9) for the
8 county where the project is located shall make the appointment
9 under this subdivision.

10 (c) As soon as appointed, the committee shall meet in the county
11 where the project is located and determine in writing the following:

12 (1) A classification of the labor to be employed in the
13 performance of the contract for the project, divided into the
14 following three (3) classes:

- 15 (A) Skilled labor.
- 16 (B) Semiskilled labor.
- 17 (C) Unskilled labor.

18 (2) The wage per hour to be paid each of the classes.

19 The committee is not required to consider information not presented to
20 the committee at the meeting. IC 5-14-1.5 (open door law) applies to
21 a meeting of the committee.

22 **(d) The rate of wages determined by the committee under**
23 **subsection (c) applies to any contract for which the awarding**
24 **government agency advertises not later than three (3) months after**
25 **the date the committee determines the rate of wages.**

26 **(e) If the awarding government agency advertises for a contract**
27 **later than three (3) months after the committee determines the rate**
28 **of wages, the awarding government agency shall form a new**
29 **committee under subsection (b) to determine a rate of wages for**
30 **the contract. The rate of wages determined under this subsection**
31 **applies to any contract for which the awarding government agency**
32 **advertises not later than three (3) months after the rate of wages**
33 **is determined under this subsection.**

34 ~~(d)~~ **(f)** The rate of wages determined under subsection (c) shall not
35 be less than the common construction wage for each of the three (3)
36 classes of wages described in subsection (c) that are currently being
37 paid in the county where the project is located.

38 ~~(e)~~ **(g)** The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to contracts let
39 by the Indiana department of transportation for the construction of
40 highways, streets, and bridges. IC 8-23-9 applies to state highway
41 projects.

42 ~~(f)~~ **(h)** A determination under subsection (c) shall be made and filed

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1 with the awarding agency at least two (2) weeks prior to the date fixed
2 for the letting, and a copy of the determination shall be furnished upon
3 request to any person desiring to bid on the contract. The schedule is
4 open to the inspection of the public.

5 ~~(g)~~ (i) If the committee appointed under subsection (b) fails to act
6 and to file a determination under subsection (c) at or before the time
7 required under subsection ~~(f)~~; (h), the awarding agency shall make the
8 determination, and its finding shall be final.

9 ~~(h)~~ (j) It shall be a condition of a contract awarded under this
10 chapter that the successful bidder and all subcontractors shall comply
11 strictly with the determination made under this section.

12 ~~(i)~~ (k) The provisions of this chapter do not apply to public projects
13 in this state that would otherwise be subject to the provisions of this
14 chapter that are to be paid for in whole or in part with funds granted by
15 the federal government, unless the department of the federal
16 government making the grant shall consent in writing that the
17 provisions of this chapter are applicable to the project.

18 ~~(j)~~ (l) Notwithstanding any other law, the provisions of this chapter
19 apply to projects that will be:

- 20 (1) owned entirely; or
 - 21 (2) leased with an option to purchase;
- 22 by the state or a political subdivision (as defined in IC 36-1-2-13).

23 ~~(k)~~ (m) Notwithstanding any other law, this chapter does not apply
24 to projects in which the actual construction costs less than one hundred
25 fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000).

26 SECTION 2. IC 5-16-7-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
27 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 4. The definitions in this section
28 apply throughout this chapter:

29 (1) "Common construction wage" means a scale of wages for each
30 class of work described in section 1(c)(1) of this chapter that is
31 not less than the common construction wage of all construction
32 wages being paid in the county where a project is located, as
33 determined by the committee described in section 1(b) of this
34 chapter after having considered

- 35 ~~(A)~~ reports from the department of workforce development;
- 36 and
- 37 ~~(B)~~ any other information submitted by any person to the
38 committee established under section 1(b) of this chapter.

39 (2) "State of Indiana" includes any officer, board, commission, or
40 other agency authorized by law to award contracts for the
41 performance of public work on behalf of the state, excepting as
42 otherwise provided in this chapter.

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1 (3) "Municipal corporation" includes any county, city, town, or
2 school corporation, as well as any officer, board, commission, or
3 other agency authorized by law to award contracts for the
4 performance of public work on behalf of any such municipal
5 corporation. The term also includes a redevelopment commission
6 established under IC 36-7-14-3.

7 (4) "Public work" includes any public building, highway, street,
8 alley, bridge, sewer, drain, improvement, or any other work of any
9 nature or character whatsoever which is paid for out of public
10 funds, excepting as otherwise provided in this chapter.

11 SECTION 3. IC 5-30-8-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.74-2005, SECTION
12 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
13 2011]: Sec. 6. (a) A determination under IC 5-16-7-1(c) for a public
14 project to be constructed under a design-build contract shall be made
15 and filed with the public agency at least two (2) weeks before the date
16 fixed for submission of the qualitative proposal and the price proposal
17 under IC 5-30-6-5.

18 (b) If the committee appointed under IC 5-16-7-1(b) fails to act and
19 to file a determination under IC 5-16-7-1(c) within the time required by
20 this section, the public agency shall make the determination, and its
21 finding shall be final.

22 (c) The time periods set forth in this section apply to any
23 construction services provided for a public project to be constructed
24 under a design-build contract, instead of the time periods set forth in
25 ~~IC 5-16-7-1(f) and IC 5-16-7-1(g) and IC 5-16-7-1(h).~~

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