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SENATE BILL No. 386

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Citations Affected: IC 6-9; IC 36-1.5; IC 36-4; IC 36-7.

Synopsis: Local government reorganization. Requires the plan prepared by a reorganization committee under the government reorganization statutes to include a fiscal impact analysis. Specifies the required contents of the fiscal impact analysis. Requires a reorganization committee to submit the fiscal impact analysis to the department of local government finance (DLGF) at least six months before the election in which the public question will be on the ballot. Requires the DLGF to do the following within a reasonable period of time, but not later than 30 days before the public question: (1) Review the fiscal impact analysis. (2) Make any comments concerning the fiscal impact analysis that the department considers appropriate. (3) Provide comments to the legislative body of the reorganizing political subdivisions and post the comments on the DLGF's Internet web site. Requires the reorganizing political subdivisions to pay the expenses incurred by the DLGF in carrying out the review and preparing the comments. Provides that if the office of township trustee is abolished as part of a local government reorganization, the powers and duties of the township trustee concerning cemeteries are transferred to the county executive. Provides that if a township board is abolished as part of a local government reorganization, the fiscal and legislative powers and duties of the township board concerning cemeteries are transferred to the county fiscal body and the county legislative body. Provides that certification of a public question on a proposed local government reorganization must occur as required for other public questions under

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Effective: Upon passage; July 1, 2011.

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February 17, 2011, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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the election law. Allows a special election to be held on a public question concerning a proposed government reorganization if the reorganizing political subdivisions request the special election and agree to pay the costs of holding the special election. Specifies that a reorganized political subdivision created from two or more townships and at least one municipality that have reorganized: (1) may exercise park and recreation powers and establish a park and recreation board if the reorganized political subdivision's plan of reorganization authorizes the reorganized political subdivision to exercise those powers; and (2) may exercise planning and zoning power if the reorganized political subdivision's plan of reorganization authorizes the reorganized political subdivision to exercise those powers. Provides that such a reorganized political subdivision shall by resolution or in the plan of reorganization determine the number of members to be appointed to the reorganized political subdivision's park and recreation board, advisory plan commission, and board of zoning appeals. Provides that a political subdivision may not take certain actions within a reorganizing township after the date a plan of reorganization is finally adopted by all reorganizing political subdivisions and until: (1) the reorganization is rejected by the voters in a referendum; or (2) the earlier of the implementation of the reorganization plan or one year after the date the reorganization is approved in a referendum. Changes the membership of the convention and visitor bureau in Lake County.

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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 6-9-2-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.223-2007,
2 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 3. (a) For purposes of this section, the size of a
4 political subdivision is based on the population determined in the last
5 federal decennial census.

6 (b) A convention and visitor bureau having fifteen (15) members is
7 created to promote the development and growth of the convention,
8 tourism, and visitor industry in the county.

9 (c) The executives (as defined by IC 36-1-2-5) of the ~~eight (8)~~
10 ~~largest municipalities (as defined by IC 36-1-2-11)~~ **five (5) largest**
11 **cities and the seven (7) largest towns** in the county shall each appoint
12 one (1) member to the bureau. The legislative body (as defined in
13 IC 36-1-2-9) of the two (2) largest municipalities in the county shall
14 each appoint one (1) member to the bureau.

15 (d) ~~The county council shall appoint two (2) members to the bureau.~~

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1 One (1) of the appointees must be a resident of the largest township in
2 the county; and one (1) of the appointees must be a resident of the
3 second largest township in the county:

4 (e) The county commissioners shall appoint two (2) members to the
5 bureau. Each appointee must be a resident of the fifth, sixth, seventh,
6 eighth, ninth, tenth, or eleventh largest township in the county. These
7 appointees must be residents of different townships:

8 (f) (d) The lieutenant governor shall appoint one (1) member to the
9 bureau.

10 (g) One (1) of the appointees under subsection (d) and one (1) of the
11 appointees under subsection (e) must be members of the political party
12 that received the highest number of votes in the county in the last
13 preceding election for the office of secretary of state. One (1) of the
14 appointees under subsection (d) and one (1) of the appointees under
15 subsection (e) must be members of the political party that received the
16 second highest number of votes in the county in the election for that
17 office. (e) No appointee under this section may hold an elected or
18 appointed political office while serving on the bureau.

19 (h) (f) In making appointments under this section, the appointing
20 authority shall give sole consideration to individuals who are
21 knowledgeable about or employed as executives or managers in at least
22 one (1) of the following businesses in the county:

- 23 (1) Hotel.
- 24 (2) Motel.
- 25 (3) Restaurant.
- 26 (4) Travel.
- 27 (5) Transportation.
- 28 (6) Convention.
- 29 (7) Trade show.
- 30 (8) A riverboat licensed under IC 4-33.
- 31 (9) Banking.
- 32 (10) Real estate.
- 33 (11) Construction.

34 However, an individual employed by a riverboat may not be appointed
35 under this section unless the individual holds a Level 1 occupational
36 license issued under IC 4-33-8. This subsection does not apply to board
37 members appointed before July 1, 2007, who are eligible for
38 reappointment after June 30, 2007.

39 (i) (g) All terms of office of bureau members begin on July 1.
40 Members of the bureau serve terms of three (3) years. A member
41 whose term expires may be reappointed to serve another term. If a
42 vacancy occurs, the appointing authority shall appoint a qualified

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1 person to serve for the remainder of the term. If an appointment is not
2 made before July 16 or a vacancy is not filled within thirty (30) days,
3 the member appointed by the lieutenant governor under subsection ~~(f)~~
4 **(d)** shall appoint a qualified person.

5 ~~(j)~~ **(h)** A member of the bureau may be removed for cause by the
6 member's appointing authority.

7 ~~(k)~~ **(i)** Members of the bureau may not receive a salary. However,
8 bureau members are entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses
9 incurred in the performance of their respective duties.

10 ~~(l)~~ **(j)** Each bureau member, before entering the member's duties,
11 shall take an oath of office in the usual form, to be endorsed upon the
12 member's certificate of appointment and promptly filed with the clerk
13 of the circuit court of the county.

14 ~~(m)~~ **(k)** The bureau shall meet after July 1 each year for the purpose
15 of organization. The bureau shall elect a chairman from its members.
16 The bureau shall also elect from its members a vice chairman, a
17 secretary, and a treasurer. The members serving in those offices shall
18 perform the duties pertaining to the offices. The first officers chosen
19 shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified. A majority
20 of the bureau constitutes a quorum, and the concurrence of a majority
21 of those present is necessary to authorize any action.

22 ~~(n)~~ **(l)** If the county and one (1) or more adjoining counties desire to
23 establish a joint bureau, the counties shall enter into an agreement
24 under IC 36-1-7.

25 ~~(o)~~ **(m)** Notwithstanding any other law, any bureau member
26 appointed as of January 1, 2007, is eligible for reappointment.

27 SECTION 2. IC 36-1.5-4-18, AS AMENDED BY P.L.113-2010,
28 SECTION 110, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
29 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 18. (a) A reorganization
30 committee shall prepare a comprehensive plan of reorganization for the
31 reorganizing political subdivisions. The plan of reorganization governs
32 the actions, duties, and powers of the reorganized political subdivision
33 that are not specified by law.

34 (b) The plan of reorganization must include at least the following:

35 (1) The name and a description of the reorganized political
36 subdivision that will succeed the reorganizing political
37 subdivisions.

38 (2) A description of the boundaries of the reorganized political
39 subdivision.

40 (3) Subject to section 40 of this chapter, a description of the
41 taxing areas in which taxes to retire obligations of the
42 reorganizing political subdivisions will be imposed.

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- 1 (4) A description of the membership of the legislative body, fiscal
- 2 body, and executive of the reorganized political subdivision, a
- 3 description of the election districts or appointment districts from
- 4 which officers will be elected or appointed, and the manner in
- 5 which the membership of each elected or appointed office will be
- 6 elected or appointed.
- 7 (5) A description of the services to be offered by the reorganized
- 8 political subdivision and the service areas in which the services
- 9 will be offered.
- 10 (6) The disposition of the personnel, the agreements, the assets,
- 11 and, subject to section 40 of this chapter, the liabilities of the
- 12 reorganizing political subdivisions, including the terms and
- 13 conditions upon which the transfer of property and personnel will
- 14 be achieved.
- 15 (7) Any other matter that the:
- 16 (A) reorganization committee determines to be necessary or
- 17 appropriate; or
- 18 (B) legislative bodies of the reorganizing political subdivisions
- 19 require the reorganization committee;
- 20 to include in the plan of reorganization.
- 21 (8) In the case of a reorganization described in section 1(a)(9) of
- 22 this chapter, if the legislative bodies of the reorganizing political
- 23 subdivisions have specified that the vote on the public question
- 24 regarding the reorganization shall be conducted on a countywide
- 25 basis under section 30(b) of this chapter with a rejection
- 26 threshold, the reorganization committee shall include in the
- 27 reorganization plan a rejection threshold, specified as a
- 28 percentage, that applies for purposes of section 32(b) of this
- 29 chapter. The rejection threshold must be the same for each
- 30 municipality that is a party to the proposed reorganization and to
- 31 the county that is a party to the proposed reorganization.
- 32 (9) In the case of a reorganization described in section 1(a)(9) of
- 33 this chapter, the reorganization committee shall determine and
- 34 include in the reorganization plan the percentage of voters voting
- 35 on the public question regarding the proposed reorganization who
- 36 must vote, on a countywide basis, in favor of the proposed
- 37 reorganization for the public question to be approved. This
- 38 percentage is referred to in this chapter as the "countywide vote
- 39 approval percentage". The countywide vote approval percentage
- 40 must be greater than fifty percent (50%).
- 41 (10) The ~~statement~~ **fiscal impact analysis** required by subsection
- 42 (e).

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1 (c) In the case of a reorganization described in section 1(a)(9) of this
 2 chapter, the reorganization committee may not change the decision of
 3 the legislative bodies of the reorganizing political subdivisions
 4 regarding whether the vote on the public question regarding the
 5 reorganization shall be conducted on a countywide basis without a
 6 rejection threshold or with a rejection threshold.

7 (d) Upon completion of the plan of reorganization, the
 8 reorganization committee shall present the plan of reorganization to the
 9 legislative body of each of the reorganizing political subdivisions for
 10 adoption. The initial plan of reorganization must be submitted to the
 11 legislative body of each of the reorganizing political subdivisions not
 12 later than one (1) year after the clerk of the last political subdivision
 13 that adopts a reorganization resolution under this chapter has certified
 14 the resolution to all of the political subdivisions named in the
 15 resolution. In the case of a plan of reorganization submitted to a
 16 political subdivision by a reorganization committee after June 30, 2010,
 17 the political subdivision shall post a copy of the plan of reorganization
 18 on an Internet web site maintained or authorized by the political
 19 subdivision not more than thirty (30) days after receiving the plan of
 20 reorganization from the reorganization committee.

21 (e) A reorganization committee must include in the plan of
 22 reorganization submitted to a political subdivision after June 30, ~~2010~~,
 23 **2011, a statement of: fiscal impact analysis of the proposed**
 24 **reorganization. The fiscal impact analysis must include at least the**
 25 **following:**

26 (1) whether a fiscal impact analysis concerning the proposed
 27 reorganization has been prepared or has not been prepared by or
 28 on behalf of the reorganization committee; and

29 (2) whether a fiscal impact analysis concerning the proposed
 30 reorganization has been made available or has not been made
 31 available to the public by or on behalf of the reorganization
 32 committee.

33 (1) **The estimated effect of the proposed reorganization on**
 34 **taxpayers in each of the political subdivisions to which the**
 35 **proposed reorganization applies, including the expected tax**
 36 **rates, tax levies, expenditure levels, service levels, and annual**
 37 **debt service payments in those political subdivisions.**

38 (2) **A description of the planned services to be provided in the**
 39 **reorganized political subdivision, and the method or methods**
 40 **of financing the planned services. The fiscal impact analysis**
 41 **must:**

42 (A) **present itemized estimated costs for each department**

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or agency of the reorganized political subdivision; and

(B) explain how specific and detailed expenses will be funded from taxes, fees, grants, and other funding.

(3) A description of the capital improvements to be provided in the reorganized political subdivision, and the method or methods of financing those capital improvements.

(f) A reorganization committee must submit the fiscal impact analysis described in subsection (e) to the department of local government finance at least six (6) months before the election in which the public question will be on the ballot. A legislative body of a reorganizing political subdivision may not adopt a plan of reorganization unless the reorganization committee has submitted the fiscal impact analysis to the department of local government finance as required by this subsection. The department of local government finance must do the following within a reasonable period of time, but not later than thirty (30) days before the date of the election in which the public question will be on the ballot:

- (1) Review the fiscal impact analysis.
- (2) Make any comments concerning the fiscal impact analysis that the department considers appropriate.
- (3) Provide the department's comments under subdivision (2) to the legislative body of the reorganizing political subdivisions.
- (4) Post the department's comments under subdivision (2) on the department's Internet web site.

The department of local government finance shall certify to the reorganization committee the total amount of expense incurred by the department in carrying out the department's review and preparing the department's comments. Upon receipt of the department's certification of the expenses, the reorganizing political subdivisions shall immediately pay to the treasurer of state the amount charged. The share of the cost to be paid by each reorganizing political subdivision shall be determined by the reorganization committee. Money paid by a reorganizing political subdivision under this subsection shall be deposited in the state general fund.

SECTION 3. IC 36-1.5-4-18.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 18.5. (a) This section applies to a reorganization:**

- (1) that is approved by voters under this article after June 30, 2011; and

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- 1 (2) in which at least one (1) township is a reorganizing
- 2 political subdivision.
- 3 **(b) Notwithstanding any other law:**
- 4 (1) if the office of township trustee is abolished as part of a
- 5 reorganization described in subsection (a), the powers and
- 6 duties of the township trustee within the township concerning
- 7 cemeteries under IC 23-14 or any other law are transferred to
- 8 the county executive; and
- 9 (2) if the township board is abolished as part of a
- 10 reorganization described in subsection (a):
- 11 (A) the fiscal powers and duties of the township board
- 12 within the township concerning cemeteries under IC 23-14
- 13 or any other law are transferred to the county fiscal body;
- 14 and
- 15 (B) the legislative powers and duties of the township board
- 16 within the township concerning cemeteries under IC 23-14
- 17 or any other law are transferred to the county legislative
- 18 body.

19 SECTION 4. IC 36-1.5-4-27, AS AMENDED BY P.L.113-2010,
 20 SECTION 111, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 21 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 27. (a) After the county
 22 recorder of each county in which reorganizing political subdivisions are
 23 located has notified the county election board that a public question on
 24 a plan of reorganization is eligible to be placed on the ballot, the county
 25 election board shall, **except as provided in subsection (b)**, place the
 26 public question on the ballot in accordance with IC 3-10-9 on the first
 27 regularly scheduled general election or municipal election (excluding
 28 any primary elections) that will occur in all of the precincts of the
 29 reorganizing political subdivisions ~~at least sixty (60) days after the~~
 30 ~~required notices are received:~~ **after the public question has been**
 31 **certified as provided in IC 3-10-9-3.**

32 **(b) If a regularly scheduled general election or municipal**
 33 **election (excluding any primary elections) will not be held in all of**
 34 **the precincts of the reorganizing political subdivisions during the**
 35 **first year in which the public question is eligible to be placed on the**
 36 **ballot under this section and if the reorganizing political**
 37 **subdivisions request the public question to be placed on the ballot**
 38 **at a special election, the public question shall be placed on the**
 39 **ballot at a special election to be held on the first Tuesday after the**
 40 **first Monday in November of the year. The certification must occur**
 41 **not later than noon on August 1. However, a special election may**
 42 **be held under this subsection only if the reorganizing political**

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1 subdivisions agree to pay the costs of holding the special election.
2 The county election board shall give notice under IC 5-3-1 of a
3 special election conducted under this subsection. A special election
4 conducted under this subsection is under the direction of the
5 county election board. The county election board shall take all
6 steps necessary to carry out the special election.

7 SECTION 5. IC 36-1.5-4-44 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
8 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
9 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 44. (a) A reorganized political subdivision
10 consisting of:

- 11 (1) two (2) or more townships; and
 - 12 (2) at least one (1) municipality;
- 13 that has reorganized under this article may exercise park and
14 recreation powers under IC 36-10 if the reorganized political
15 subdivision's plan of reorganization authorizes the reorganized
16 political subdivision to exercise those powers.

17 (b) If a reorganized political subdivision's plan of reorganization
18 authorizes the reorganized political subdivision to exercise park
19 and recreation powers under IC 36-10, the reorganized political
20 subdivision may establish a park and recreation board.

21 (c) A park and recreation board established by a reorganized
22 political subdivision under this section:

- 23 (1) shall exercise park and recreation functions within the
24 reorganized political subdivision; and
- 25 (2) has the powers and duties of both a municipal park and
26 recreation board and a township park and recreation board
27 under IC 36-10.

28 (d) A reorganized political subdivision may by resolution or in
29 the reorganized political subdivision's plan of reorganization
30 determine:

- 31 (1) the number of members to be appointed to the reorganized
32 political subdivision's park and recreation board;
- 33 (2) the person or entity that shall appoint or remove those
34 members;
- 35 (3) any required qualifications for those members; and
- 36 (4) the terms of those members.

37 SECTION 6. IC 36-1.5-4-45 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
38 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
39 1, 2011]: Sec. 45. (a) This section applies only to a reorganization
40 of the following:

- 41 (1) Two (2) or more townships located entirely within the
42 same county.

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- 1 **(2) A township and a municipality that is located in any part**
- 2 **of the same township.**
- 3 **(3) A county and one (1) or more townships that are located**
- 4 **in the county.**
- 5 **(b) Except as provided in subsections (d) through (f), a political**
- 6 **subdivision may not take an action described in subsection (c)**
- 7 **within a reorganizing township after the date a plan of**
- 8 **reorganization is finally adopted by all reorganizing political**
- 9 **subdivisions by:**
 - 10 **(1) final adoption of the plan of reorganization by the**
 - 11 **legislative bodies of the reorganizing political subdivisions;**
 - 12 **(2) approval of the plan of reorganization by the registered**
 - 13 **voters in a referendum under a petition filed under section**
 - 14 **23.5(4) of this chapter; or**
 - 15 **(3) adoption by the legislative bodies of less than all**
 - 16 **reorganizing political subdivisions under subdivision (1) and**
 - 17 **approval by the voters of less than all reorganizing political**
 - 18 **subdivisions under subdivision (2).**
- 19 **(c) A political subdivision may not take any of the following**
- 20 **actions partially or wholly within a reorganizing township after the**
- 21 **date a plan of reorganization is finally adopted by all reorganizing**
- 22 **political subdivisions:**
 - 23 **(1) Initiate an annexation of territory within the township.**
 - 24 **(2) Establish a fire protection territory or fire protection**
 - 25 **district.**
 - 26 **(3) Extend water, sewer, or any other infrastructure to the**
 - 27 **political subdivision.**
 - 28 **(4) Designate an area within the township for purposes of**
 - 29 **exercising zoning jurisdiction under IC 36-7-4-205.**
- 30 **(d) This chapter does not prohibit:**
 - 31 **(1) a township subject to the reorganization from taking an**
 - 32 **action under subsection (c) within the township's own**
 - 33 **boundaries; and**
 - 34 **(2) any of the reorganizing political subdivisions taking an**
 - 35 **action under subsection (c) for the purpose of implementing**
 - 36 **the plan of reorganization.**
- 37 **(e) A political subdivision may take an action within a township**
- 38 **described in subsection (c) after the date the reorganization is**
- 39 **rejected by the voters under section 33 of this chapter.**
- 40 **(f) If a reorganization is approved by the voters under section**
- 41 **34 of this chapter, a political subdivision may not take an action**
- 42 **under subsection (c) until the earlier of the following:**

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- (1) The plan of reorganization has been implemented.**
- (2) One (1) year after the date the reorganization is approved under section 34 of this chapter.**

SECTION 7. IC 36-4-3-1.4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: **Sec. 1.4. If a township is a participant in a proposed reorganization under IC 36-1.5-4-1(a)(2), IC 36-1.5-4-1(a)(7), or IC 36-1.5-4-1(a)(8), a municipality may not adopt an annexation ordinance annexing territory within the township within the period set forth in IC 36-1.5-4-44.**

SECTION 8. IC 36-7-2-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 1. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), this chapter applies to all units except townships.**

- (b) A unit consisting of:**
 - (1) two (2) or more townships; and**
 - (2) at least one (1) municipality;**

that has reorganized under IC 36-1.5 may exercise planning and zoning power under IC 36-7-4 if the unit's plan of reorganization under IC 36-1.5 authorizes the unit to exercise planning and zoning powers.

SECTION 9. IC 36-7-4-107 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 107. If a provision of this chapter requires a power to be exercised by adoption of an ordinance, a unit described in IC 36-7-2-1(b) shall exercise the power by adoption of a resolution.**

SECTION 10. IC 36-7-4-202.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 202.5. (a) ADVISORY. Notwithstanding any other law, the legislative body of a unit described in IC 36-7-2-1(b) may establish by resolution an advisory plan commission.**

(b) ADVISORY. If an advisory plan commission is established under this section by a unit described in IC 36-7-2-1(b) and the unit adopts a comprehensive plan under this chapter:

- (1) the advisory plan commission of the unit shall exercise the planning and zoning functions within the unit;**
- (2) the advisory plan commission of the unit may not exercise planning and zoning functions within a municipality that has established a plan commission under this chapter (other than a municipality that participated in the reorganization of the unit under IC 36-1.5);**

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(3) the county plan commission may not exercise planning and zoning functions within the unit; and

(4) except as provided in subdivision (2), a municipal plan commission of a municipality (other than a municipality that participated in the reorganization of the unit under IC 36-1.5) may not exercise planning and zoning functions within the unit.

Notwithstanding any other law, if a municipality (other than a municipality that participated in the reorganization of the unit under IC 36-1.5) annexes territory within a unit described in IC 36-7-2-1(b) after the unit has established an advisory plan commission under this section, the municipal plan commission of that municipality may not exercise planning and zoning functions within that annexed territory.

(c) **ADVISORY.** Except as specifically provided in this chapter, an advisory plan commission established under this section by a unit described in IC 36-7-2-1(b) shall exercise the planning and zoning functions within the unit in the same manner that a municipal plan commission established under this chapter exercises planning and zoning functions for a municipality.

(d) **ADVISORY.** Notwithstanding any other provision, if an advisory plan commission is established under this section by a unit described in IC 36-7-2-1(b), the legislative body of the unit shall by resolution or in the unit's plan of reorganization under IC 36-1.5 determine:

- (1) the number of members to be appointed to the unit's advisory plan commission;
- (2) the person or entity that shall appoint or remove those members;
- (3) any required qualifications for those members;
- (4) the terms of those members; and
- (5) whether any members or advisory members shall be appointed by the county in which the unit is located or by a municipality located within the unit.

SECTION 11. IC 36-7-4-901.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 901.5. (a)** If an advisory plan commission is established under section 202.5 of this chapter by a unit described in IC 36-7-2-1(b) and the unit adopts a comprehensive plan under this chapter, the legislative body of the unit shall establish a board of zoning appeals.

(b) A board of zoning appeals established under this section:

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1 **(1) shall exercise its powers and duties under this chapter**
 2 **within the unit in the same manner that a municipal board of**
 3 **zoning appeals established under this chapter exercises**
 4 **powers and duties under this chapter for a municipality; and**
 5 **(2) may not exercise its powers and duties under this chapter**
 6 **within a municipality that has established a plan commission**
 7 **under this chapter (other than a municipality that**
 8 **participated in the reorganization of the unit under**
 9 **IC 36-1.5).**

10 **(c) Notwithstanding any other law, if the legislative body of a**
 11 **unit described in IC 36-7-2-1(b) establishes a board of zoning**
 12 **appeals under this section, the legislative body of the unit shall by**
 13 **resolution or in the unit's plan of reorganization under IC 36-1.5**
 14 **determine:**

- 15 **(1) the number of members to be appointed to the unit's board**
- 16 **of zoning appeals;**
- 17 **(2) the person or entity that shall appoint or remove those**
- 18 **members;**
- 19 **(3) any required qualifications for those members; and**
- 20 **(4) the terms of those members.**

21 **SECTION 12. An emergency is declared for this act.**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Local Government, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 386, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 1. IC 6-9-2-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.223-2007, SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 3. (a) For purposes of this section, the size of a political subdivision is based on the population determined in the last federal decennial census.

(b) A convention and visitor bureau having fifteen (15) members is created to promote the development and growth of the convention, tourism, and visitor industry in the county.

(c) The executives (as defined by IC 36-1-2-5) of the ~~eight (8)~~ **largest municipalities (as defined by IC 36-1-2-11) five (5) largest cities and the seven (7) largest towns** in the county shall each appoint one (1) member to the bureau. The legislative body (as defined in IC 36-1-2-9) of the two (2) largest municipalities in the county shall each appoint one (1) member to the bureau.

~~(d) The county council shall appoint two (2) members to the bureau. One (1) of the appointees must be a resident of the largest township in the county, and one (1) of the appointees must be a resident of the second largest township in the county.~~

~~(e) The county commissioners shall appoint two (2) members to the bureau. Each appointee must be a resident of the fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, or eleventh largest township in the county. These appointees must be residents of different townships.~~

~~(f) (d) The lieutenant governor shall appoint one (1) member to the bureau.~~

~~(g) One (1) of the appointees under subsection (d) and one (1) of the appointees under subsection (e) must be members of the political party that received the highest number of votes in the county in the last preceding election for the office of secretary of state. One (1) of the appointees under subsection (d) and one (1) of the appointees under subsection (e) must be members of the political party that received the second highest number of votes in the county in the election for that office. (e) No appointee under this section may hold an elected or appointed political office while serving on the bureau.~~

~~(h) (f) In making appointments under this section, the appointing authority shall give sole consideration to individuals who are~~

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knowledgeable about or employed as executives or managers in at least one (1) of the following businesses in the county:

- (1) Hotel.
- (2) Motel.
- (3) Restaurant.
- (4) Travel.
- (5) Transportation.
- (6) Convention.
- (7) Trade show.
- (8) A riverboat licensed under IC 4-33.
- (9) Banking.
- (10) Real estate.
- (11) Construction.

However, an individual employed by a riverboat may not be appointed under this section unless the individual holds a Level 1 occupational license issued under IC 4-33-8. This subsection does not apply to board members appointed before July 1, 2007, who are eligible for reappointment after June 30, 2007.

~~(f)~~ **(g)** All terms of office of bureau members begin on July 1. Members of the bureau serve terms of three (3) years. A member whose term expires may be reappointed to serve another term. If a vacancy occurs, the appointing authority shall appoint a qualified person to serve for the remainder of the term. If an appointment is not made before July 16 or a vacancy is not filled within thirty (30) days, the member appointed by the lieutenant governor under subsection ~~(f)~~ **(d)** shall appoint a qualified person.

~~(g)~~ **(h)** A member of the bureau may be removed for cause by the member's appointing authority.

~~(h)~~ **(i)** Members of the bureau may not receive a salary. However, bureau members are entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their respective duties.

~~(i)~~ **(j)** Each bureau member, before entering the member's duties, shall take an oath of office in the usual form, to be endorsed upon the member's certificate of appointment and promptly filed with the clerk of the circuit court of the county.

~~(j)~~ **(k)** The bureau shall meet after July 1 each year for the purpose of organization. The bureau shall elect a chairman from its members. The bureau shall also elect from its members a vice chairman, a secretary, and a treasurer. The members serving in those offices shall perform the duties pertaining to the offices. The first officers chosen shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified. A majority of the bureau constitutes a quorum, and the concurrence of a majority

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of those present is necessary to authorize any action.

~~(n)~~ **(l)** If the county and one (1) or more adjoining counties desire to establish a joint bureau, the counties shall enter into an agreement under IC 36-1-7.

~~(o)~~ **(m)** Notwithstanding any other law, any bureau member appointed as of January 1, 2007, is eligible for reappointment."

Page 6, delete lines 8 through 42.

Page 7, delete lines 1 through 22.

Page 8, between lines 10 and 11, begin a new paragraph and insert:
"SECTION 6. IC 36-1.5-4-45 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: **Sec. 45. (a) This section applies only to a reorganization of the following:**

- (1) Two (2) or more townships located entirely within the same county.**
- (2) A township and a municipality that is located in any part of the same township.**
- (3) A county and one (1) or more townships that are located in the county.**

(b) Except as provided in subsections (d) through (f), a political subdivision may not take an action described in subsection (c) within a reorganizing township after the date a plan of reorganization is finally adopted by all reorganizing political subdivisions by:

- (1) final adoption of the plan of reorganization by the legislative bodies of the reorganizing political subdivisions;**
- (2) approval of the plan of reorganization by the registered voters in a referendum under a petition filed under section 23.5(4) of this chapter; or**
- (3) adoption by the legislative bodies of less than all reorganizing political subdivisions under subdivision (1) and approval by the voters of less than all reorganizing political subdivisions under subdivision (2).**

(c) A political subdivision may not take any of the following actions partially or wholly within a reorganizing township after the date a plan of reorganization is finally adopted by all reorganizing political subdivisions:

- (1) Initiate an annexation of territory within the township.**
- (2) Establish a fire protection territory or fire protection district.**
- (3) Extend water, sewer, or any other infrastructure to the political subdivision.**

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(4) Designate an area within the township for purposes of exercising zoning jurisdiction under IC 36-7-4-205.

(d) This chapter does not prohibit:

(1) a township subject to the reorganization from taking an action under subsection (c) within the township's own boundaries; and

(2) any of the reorganizing political subdivisions taking an action under subsection (c) for the purpose of implementing the plan of reorganization.

(e) A political subdivision may take an action within a township described in subsection (c) after the date the reorganization is rejected by the voters under section 33 of this chapter.

(f) If a reorganization is approved by the voters under section 34 of this chapter, a political subdivision may not take an action under subsection (c) until the earlier of the following:

(1) The plan of reorganization has been implemented.

(2) One (1) year after the date the reorganization is approved under section 34 of this chapter.

SECTION 7. IC 36-4-3-1.4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 1.4. If a township is a participant in a proposed reorganization under IC 36-1.5-4-1(a)(2), IC 36-1.5-4-1(a)(7), or IC 36-1.5-4-1(a)(8), a municipality may not adopt an annexation ordinance annexing territory within the township within the period set forth in IC 36-1.5-4-44."

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 386 as introduced.)

LAWSON C, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.

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