SENATE BILL No. 342

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 1-2-14.

Synopsis: Miami Nation of Indians state tribe recognition. Provides for the recognition of a Native American Indian tribe that is indigenous to Indiana as a "state tribe". Provides that a state tribe is not entitled to any special state right or benefit unless the right or benefit is specifically conferred upon the state tribe by statute. Provides that the citizenship criteria used to determine the membership of a state tribe shall be determined solely by the governing body of the state tribe. Grants state tribe recognition to the Miami Nation of Indians of the State of Indiana.

Effective: July 1, 2013.

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January 8, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Policy.

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Introduced

First Regular Session 118th General Assembly (2013)

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 2012 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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

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

SECTION 1. IC 1-2-14 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013]:

Chapter 14. State Tribe Recognition

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

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

Sec. 3. A state tribe and the state tribe's enrolled members are not entitled to any special state right or benefit unless the right or benefit is specifically conferred to the state tribe by statute.

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

Sec. 5. The Miami Nation of Indians of the State of Indiana is

1 **recognized as a state tribe.**

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