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# HOUSE BILL No. 1503

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 13-21-3-12.

**Synopsis:** Lake County solid waste management district. Provides that each time the Lake County solid waste management district (county district) wishes to exercise the power to construct and operate facilities for solid waste management, enter into certain contracts concerning the management of solid waste, enter into agreements for the leasing of certain solid waste facilities, purchase or lease real or personal property for the management or disposal of solid waste, sell or lease certain solid waste facilities, accept gifts, grants, loans of money, other property, or services from any source and comply with the terms of the gift, grant, or loan, or borrow in anticipation of taxes: (1) the county district must submit a recommendation to the county executive of Lake County concerning the exercise of the power; and (2) the county executive must adopt an ordinance that approves the recommendation and authorizes the county district to exercise the power; before the county district may exercise the power.

**Effective:** July 1, 2013.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 13-21-3-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.37-2012,
- 2 SECTION 51, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2013]: Sec. 12. **(a)** Except as provided in section 14.5 of this
- 4 chapter **and subject to subsection (b)**, the powers of a district include
- 5 the following:
- 6 (1) The power to develop and implement a district solid waste
- 7 management plan under IC 13-21-5.
- 8 (2) The power to impose district fees on the final disposal of solid
- 9 waste within the district under IC 13-21-13.
- 10 (3) The power to receive and disburse money, if the primary
- 11 purpose of activities undertaken under this subdivision is to carry
- 12 out the provisions of this article.
- 13 (4) The power to sue and be sued.
- 14 (5) The power to plan, design, construct, finance, manage, own,
- 15 lease, operate, and maintain facilities for solid waste
- 16 management.
- 17 (6) The power to enter with any person into a contract or an



1 agreement that is necessary or incidental to the management of  
 2 solid waste. Contracts or agreements that may be entered into  
 3 under this subdivision include those for the following:

4 (A) The design, construction, operation, financing, ownership,  
 5 or maintenance of facilities by the district or any other person.

6 (B) The managing or disposal of solid waste.

7 (C) The sale or other disposition of materials or products  
 8 generated by a facility.

9 Notwithstanding any other statute, the maximum term of a  
 10 contract or an agreement described in this subdivision may not  
 11 exceed forty (40) years.

12 (7) The power to enter into agreements for the leasing of facilities  
 13 in accordance with IC 36-1-10 or IC 36-9-30.

14 (8) The power to purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire real or  
 15 personal property for the management or disposal of solid waste.

16 (9) The power to sell or lease any facility or part of a facility to  
 17 any person.

18 (10) The power to make and contract for plans, surveys, studies,  
 19 and investigations necessary for the management or disposal of  
 20 solid waste.

21 (11) The power to enter upon property to make surveys,  
 22 soundings, borings, and examinations.

23 (12) The power to:

24 (A) accept gifts, grants, loans of money, other property, or  
 25 services from any source, public or private; and

26 (B) comply with the terms of the gift, grant, or loan.

27 (13) The power to levy a tax within the district to pay costs of  
 28 operation in connection with solid waste management, subject to  
 29 the following:

30 (A) Regular budget and tax levy procedures.

31 (B) Section 16 of this chapter.

32 However, except as provided in sections 15 and 15.5 of this  
 33 chapter, a property tax rate imposed under this article may not  
 34 exceed eight and thirty-three hundredths cents (\$0.0833) on each  
 35 one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed valuation of property in  
 36 the district.

37 (14) The power to borrow in anticipation of taxes.

38 (15) The power to hire the personnel necessary for the  
 39 management or disposal of solid waste in accordance with an  
 40 approved budget and to contract for professional services.

41 (16) The power to otherwise do all things necessary for the:

42 (A) reduction, management, and disposal of solid waste; and

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- 1 (B) recovery of waste products from the solid waste stream;
- 2 if the primary purpose of activities undertaken under this
- 3 subdivision is to carry out the provisions of this article.
- 4 (17) The power to adopt resolutions that have the force of law.
- 5 However, a resolution is not effective in a municipality unless the
- 6 municipality adopts the language of the resolution by ordinance
- 7 or resolution.
- 8 (18) The power to do the following:
- 9 (A) Implement a household hazardous waste and conditionally
- 10 exempt small quantity generator (as described in 40 CFR
- 11 261.5(a)) collection and disposal project.
- 12 (B) Apply for a household hazardous waste collection and
- 13 disposal project grant under IC 13-20-20 and carry out all
- 14 commitments contained in a grant application.
- 15 (C) Establish and maintain a program of self-insurance for a
- 16 household hazardous waste and conditionally exempt small
- 17 quantity generator (as described in 40 CFR 261.5(a))
- 18 collection and disposal project, so that at the end of the
- 19 district's fiscal year the unused and unencumbered balance of
- 20 appropriated money reverts to the district's general fund only
- 21 if the district's board specifically provides by resolution to
- 22 discontinue the self-insurance fund.
- 23 (D) Apply for a household hazardous waste project grant as
- 24 described in IC 13-20-22-2 and carry out all commitments
- 25 contained in a grant application.
- 26 (19) The power to enter into an interlocal cooperation agreement
- 27 under IC 36-1-7 to obtain:
- 28 (A) fiscal;
- 29 (B) administrative;
- 30 (C) managerial; or
- 31 (D) operational;
- 32 services from a county or municipality.
- 33 (20) The power to compensate advisory committee members for
- 34 attending meetings at a rate determined by the board.
- 35 (21) The power to reimburse board and advisory committee
- 36 members for travel and related expenses at a rate determined by
- 37 the board.
- 38 (22) The power to pay a fee from district money to:
- 39 (A) in a joint district, the county or counties in which a final
- 40 disposal facility is located; or
- 41 (B) a county that:
- 42 (i) was part of a joint district;

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- 1 (ii) has withdrawn from the joint district as of January 1,  
 2 2008; and  
 3 (iii) has established its own district in which a final disposal  
 4 facility is located.
- 5 (23) The power to make grants or loans of:  
 6 (A) money;  
 7 (B) property; or  
 8 (C) services;  
 9 to public or private recycling programs, composting programs, or  
 10 any other programs that reuse any component of the waste stream  
 11 as a material component of another product, if the primary  
 12 purpose of activities undertaken under this subdivision is to carry  
 13 out the provisions of this article.
- 14 (24) The power to establish by resolution a nonreverting capital  
 15 fund. A district's board may appropriate money in the fund for:  
 16 (A) equipping;  
 17 (B) expanding;  
 18 (C) modifying; or  
 19 (D) remodeling;  
 20 an existing facility. Expenditures from a capital fund established  
 21 under this subdivision must further the goals and objectives  
 22 contained in a district's solid waste management plan. Not more  
 23 than five percent (5%) of the district's total annual budget for the  
 24 year may be transferred to the capital fund that year. The balance  
 25 in the capital fund may not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of  
 26 the district's total annual budget. If a district's board determines  
 27 by resolution that a part of a capital fund will not be needed to  
 28 further the goals and objectives contained in the district's solid  
 29 waste management plan, that part of the capital fund may be  
 30 transferred to the district's general fund, to be used to offset  
 31 tipping fees, property tax revenues, or both tipping fees and  
 32 property tax revenues.
- 33 (25) The power to conduct promotional or educational programs  
 34 that include giving awards and incentives that further:  
 35 (A) the district's solid waste management plan; and  
 36 (B) the objectives of minimum educational standards  
 37 established by the department of environmental management.
- 38 (26) The power to conduct educational programs under  
 39 IC 13-20-17.5 to provide information to the public concerning:  
 40 (A) the reuse and recycling of mercury in:  
 41 (i) mercury commodities; and  
 42 (ii) mercury-added products; and

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- 1 (B) collection programs available to the public for:
- 2 (i) mercury commodities; and
- 3 (ii) mercury-added products.
- 4 (27) The power to implement mercury collection programs under
- 5 IC 13-20-17.5 for the public and small businesses.
- 6 (28) The power to conduct educational programs under
- 7 IC 13-20.5 to provide information to the public concerning:
- 8 (A) reuse and recycling of electronic waste;
- 9 (B) collection programs available to the public for the disposal
- 10 of electronic waste; and
- 11 (C) proper disposal of electronic waste.
- 12 **(b) Each time a county district located in a county that has a**
- 13 **population of more than four hundred thousand (400,000) but less**
- 14 **than seven hundred thousand (700,000), wishes to exercise a power**
- 15 **set forth in subsection (a)(5), (a)(6), (a)(7), (a)(8), (a)(9), (a)(12), or**
- 16 **(a)(14):**
- 17 **(1) the county district must submit a recommendation to the**
- 18 **county executive of the county concerning the exercise of the**
- 19 **power; and**
- 20 **(2) the county executive must adopt an ordinance that:**
- 21 **(A) approves the recommendation; and**
- 22 **(B) authorizes the county district to exercise the power;**
- 23 **before the county district may exercise the power.**

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