

HOUSE BILL No. 1581

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 3-11-18.1-3.

Synopsis: Vote centers. Provides that majority, rather than unanimous, approval by a county election board is necessary after June 30, 2013, for a county to become a vote center county.

Effective: July 1, 2013.

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January 22, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Elections and Apportionment.

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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.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 3-11-18.1-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2011,
- 2 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2013]: Sec. 3. (a) A county must comply with this section to
- 4 become a vote center county.
- 5 (b) As used in this section, "board" refers to any of the following:
- 6 (1) The county election board.
- 7 (2) The board of elections and registration established under
- 8 IC 3-6-5.2 or IC 3-6-5.4.
- 9 (c) The board shall hold a public hearing to present a draft plan for
- 10 administration of vote centers in the county.
- 11 (d) After presentation of the draft plan under subsection (c), the
- 12 board shall accept written public comments on the draft plan.
- 13 (e) At least thirty (30) days after the hearing held under subsection
- 14 (c), the board shall hold a public hearing to consider the following:
- 15 (1) The draft plan.
- 16 (2) The written public comments.
- 17 (3) Any other public comment that the board may permit on the



- 1 draft plan.
- 2 (f) After consideration of the draft plan and the public comments,
- 3 the board may do the following:
- 4 (1) Adopt an order approving the draft plan.
- 5 (2) Amend the draft plan and adopt an order approving the
- 6 amended draft plan.
- 7 **For a plan adopted before July 1, 2013**, the board may adopt the
- 8 order to approve a plan only by unanimous vote of the entire
- 9 membership of the board. **For a plan adopted after June 30, 2013,**
- 10 **the board may adopt the order to approve a plan by majority vote**
- 11 **of the entire membership of the board.**
- 12 (g) **For a plan adopted before July 1, 2013**, all members of the
- 13 board must sign the order adopting the plan. **For a plan adopted after**
- 14 **June 30, 2013, a majority of the members of the board must sign**
- 15 **the order adopting the plan.**
- 16 (h) The order and the adopted plan must be filed with the election
- 17 division and must include a copy of:
- 18 (1) a resolution adopted by the county executive; and
- 19 (2) a resolution adopted by the county fiscal body;
- 20 approving the designation of the county as a vote center county.

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