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SENATE BILL No. 365

DIGEST OF SB 365 (Updated February 7, 2013 9:52 am - DI 101)

Citations Affected: IC 36-9.

Synopsis: Utility facility relocation. Authorizes a unit of local government to enter into an agreement with a utility concerning the relocation of the utility's facilities for a major highway, street, or road project undertaken by the local unit. Requires that the agreement must include a date for relocation and conditions under which the utility is excused from meeting the date, including a force majeure clause. Specifies that a unit that is responsible for relocation costs shall pay the costs in arrears in accordance with the procedures of the state board of accounts.

Effective: July 1, 2013.

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January 8, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Utilities.
February 7, 2013, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 36-9-42 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2013]:

4 **Chapter 42. Utility Relocations**

5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "cost of relocation" has the**
6 **meaning set forth in IC 8-1-9-2(b).**

7 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "facility" has the meaning set**
8 **forth in IC 8-1-26-7.**

9 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "improvement project" means**
10 **a project undertaken by a unit that involves:**

11 **(1) a highway, street, or road that is under the jurisdiction of**
12 **the unit; and**

13 **(2) the relocation of a facility.**

14 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "major project" means an**
15 **improvement project designated by a unit as a major project under**
16 **section 6 of this chapter.**

17 **Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "utility" means the owner of a**

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1 facility.

2 Sec. 6. (a) A unit may designate an improvement project as a
3 major project. The unit shall consider the scope, complexity, and
4 duration of the project in making the designation.

5 (b) Before undertaking a major project, a unit shall make a
6 reasonable effort to do the following:

7 (1) Identify each facility located in a public right of way
8 within the geographical limits of the major project by:

9 (A) investigating field conditions; and

10 (B) reviewing information made available under
11 IC 8-1-26-17(c) by the Indiana Underground Plant
12 Protection Service (IUPPS) or its successor organization.

13 (2) Notify each utility that owns a facility identified under
14 subdivision (1) of the major project and the need, if any, to
15 relocate the facility.

16 Sec. 7. A unit may enter into an agreement with a utility
17 described in section 6(b)(2) of this chapter concerning the
18 relocation of the facility. The agreement must include the
19 following:

20 (1) A date certain by which the utility agrees to relocate the
21 facility.

22 (2) Conditions under which the utility is excused from
23 relocating the facility by the date described in subdivision (1),
24 including the following:

25 (A) The facility relocation was affected by:

- 26 (i) significantly differing site conditions;
27 (ii) unexpected impacts of other utilities; or
28 (iii) a force majeure event.

29 (B) Severe weather, delays in acquiring a relocation area,
30 or other factors beyond the control of the utility.

31 (3) Conditions under which the unit must notify the utility of
32 cancellations, delays, or changes related to the major project.

33 Sec. 8. If, as part of an improvement project, a unit is
34 responsible for relocation costs, the unit shall pay the relocation
35 costs in arrears in accordance with accounting procedures
36 established by the state board of accounts.

37 Sec. 9. This chapter does not limit or alter the authority of the
38 Indiana utility regulatory commission under IC 8-1-2-101 to
39 review a unit's determination, or the rights and duties of affected
40 parties, with respect to use of a public right of way as set forth in
41 IC 8-1-2-101.



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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Utilities, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 365, 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, delete lines 5 through 7.

Page 1, line 8, delete "2." and insert "1."

Page 1, line 10, delete "3." and insert "2."

Page 1, line 12, delete "4." and insert "3."

Page 1, line 13, delete "involves the relocation of a" insert "involves:

(1) a highway, street, or road that is under the jurisdiction of the unit; and

(2) the relocation of a facility."

Page 1, delete line 14.

Page 1, line 15, delete "5." and insert "4."

Page 1, line 17, delete "8" and insert "6".

Page 2, line 1, delete "6." and insert "5."

Page 2, line 1, delete "or".

Page 2, line 2, delete "operator".

Page 2, delete lines 3 through 14.

Page 2, line 15, delete "8." and insert "6."

Page 2, line 23, delete "provided" and insert "**made available under IC 8-1-26-17(c)**".

Page 2, line 25, delete "organization under IC 8-1-26-17(c)." and insert "**organization**".

Page 2, line 26, delete "or operates".

Page 2, line 29, delete "9. (a)" and insert "7."

Page 2, line 30, delete "8(b)(2)" and insert "**6(b)(2)**".

Page 2, line 31, delete "a" and insert "**the**".

Page 2, delete lines 41 through 42, begin a new line double block indented and insert:

"(B) Severe weather, delays in acquiring a relocation area, or other factors beyond the control of the utility.

(3) Conditions under which the unit must notify the utility of cancellations, delays, or changes related to the major project."

Page 3, line 1, delete "10." and insert "8."

Page 3, after line 4, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"Sec. 9. This chapter does not limit or alter the authority of the Indiana utility regulatory commission under IC 8-1-2-101 to

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review a unit's determination, or the rights and duties of affected parties, with respect to use of a public right of way as set forth in IC 8-1-2-101."

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 365 as introduced.)

MERRITT, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

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