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Chapter 2. Commission on Interstate Cooperation

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Creation; membership; powers and duties

Sec. 1. (a) A state commission to be known as the commission on interstate cooperation is created.

(b) In addition to the other purposes specified in this chapter, it is the function of the commission to carry forward the participation of this state as a member of the Council of State Governments, which council is declared to be a joint governmental agency of this state and of the other states which cooperate through it.

(c) There is established a senate standing committee on interstate cooperation, the members and the chairman thereof to be designated at each session of the general assembly by the president pro tempore of the senate. In addition to the regular members, the president pro tempore of the senate and the senate minority leader are ex officio, nonvoting members of this committee.

(d) There is established a house of representatives standing committee on interstate cooperation, the members and the chairman thereof to be designated at each session of the general assembly by the speaker of the house of representatives. In addition to the regular members, the speaker of the house of representatives and the house minority leader are ex officio, nonvoting members of this committee.

(e) The commission on interstate cooperation consists of the members of the senate committee on interstate cooperation and the members of the house of representatives committee on interstate cooperation. Five (5) additional persons, who shall be administrative office holders or employees of the state of Indiana, may be appointed by the governor to act in an advisory capacity to the commission. In addition to the regular members, the governor is ex officio an honorary nonvoting member of the commission.

(f) The senate committee on interstate cooperation and the house of representatives committee on interstate cooperation shall function during the regular sessions of the general assembly and also during the interim periods between such sessions. Their members shall serve until their successors are designated. The incumbency of each administrative member of this commission shall extend until February 1 next following his appointment and thereafter until his successor is appointed.

(g) It is the further function of the commission to endeavor to advance cooperation between this state and other units of government whenever it seems advisable to do so by formulating proposals for and by facilitating:

- (1) the adoption of compacts;
- (2) the enactment of uniform or reciprocal statutes;
- (3) the adoption of uniform or reciprocal administrative rules and regulations;
- (4) the informal cooperation of governmental offices with one another;

- (5) the personal cooperation of governmental officials and employees;
- (6) the interchange and clearance of research and information; and
- (7) any other suitable purpose.

(h) The commission may, by contributions to the Council of State Governments, participate with other states in maintaining the council's secretariats and its other governmental services.

(Formerly: Acts 1937, c.12, s.1; Acts 1937, c.74, s.1; Acts 1965, c.220, s.1.) As amended by P.L.3-1984, SEC.1; P.L.3-1985, SEC.1.

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Flood control; other duties; hearings

Sec. 2. (a) The commission shall act as the agency of this state in assisting in the institution and consummation of federal and state matters requiring cooperation between this state and other states and the federal government, including flood control and regulation of flood waters in the areas of this state where hazards from flood waters obtain, and in cooperating with any department or agency of the federal government duly authorized to institute and consummate such a program and to expend moneys made available therefor and in cooperating with any organization created in this state for the purpose of controlling flood waters and to meet and to act with and in cooperation with any like commission or commissions or agencies of any other state.

(b) The commission may sit in any place within or without the state and hold either public or private hearings.

(c) Without regard to the time of the sitting of the general assembly, the commission shall generally have, possess, and exercise all of the powers possessed by a committee of the general assembly while acting during a session of the general assembly.

(Formerly: Acts 1937, c.12, s.2.) As amended by P.L.3-1985, SEC.2.

IC 2-5-2-3

Legislative members of commission; per diem, mileage, and travel allowances

Sec. 3. The legislative members of the commission are entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to persons who serve as legislative members of interim study committees established by the legislative council. These allowances shall be paid by the legislative services agency from the amounts appropriated for that purpose.

(Formerly: Acts 1937, c.12, s.3; Acts 1973, P.L.3, SEC.1.) As amended by P.L.3-1984, SEC.2.

IC 2-5-2-4

Resolutions related to commission's function; study and report on matters referred to commission; subcommittees; request for assistance or information; staff and support

Sec. 4. (a) The legislative council may refer by resolution any

matter related to the commission's function as described in section 1(g) of this chapter.

(b) When any matter is referred to the commission by the legislative council, the commission shall conduct a study of the matter and shall make a report of the study results in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 to the legislative council.

(c) The commission may appoint subcommittees, subject to the authority of the commission, to carry out studies on matters related to its functions.

(d) The commission may request and shall receive from any department, division, board, commission, or agency of this state or of any political subdivision thereof or from any organization, incorporated or unincorporated, such assistance, information, and data as will enable it properly to carry out its activities and effectuate its purposes under this chapter.

(e) The legislative services agency shall provide staff support to the commission.

(Formerly: Acts 1937, c.12, s.4.) As amended by P.L.3-1984, SEC.3; P.L.28-2004, SEC.4.

IC 2-5-2-5

Repealed

(Repealed by Acts 1978, P.L.6, SEC.36.)

IC 2-5-2-6

Repealed

(Repealed by Acts 1972, P.L.13, SEC.2.)