

## **IC 33-33-46**

### **Chapter 46. LaPorte County**

#### **IC 33-33-46-1**

##### **Judicial circuit; magistrate**

Sec. 1. (a) LaPorte County constitutes the thirty-second judicial circuit.

(b) The judges of the LaPorte circuit court and LaPorte superior court No. 4 may jointly appoint one (1) full-time magistrate under IC 33-23-5 to serve the circuit and superior courts.

(c) The magistrate continues in office until removed by the judges of the LaPorte circuit court and LaPorte superior court No. 4.

*As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.12.*

#### **IC 33-33-46-2**

##### **Establishment of standard superior courts**

Sec. 2. (a) There are established four (4) courts of record to be known as the LaPorte superior courts No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the LaPorte superior courts are standard superior courts as described in IC 33-29-1.

(c) LaPorte County comprises the judicial district of the courts.

*As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.12.*

#### **IC 33-33-46-3**

##### **Judges**

Sec. 3. Each LaPorte superior court has one (1) judge.

*As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.12. Amended by P.L.161-2011, SEC.8; P.L.201-2011, SEC.67.*

#### **IC 33-33-46-4**

##### **Location of court sessions**

Sec. 4. LaPorte superior court No. 1 shall hold its sessions in Michigan City. LaPorte superior courts No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4 shall hold sessions in places in the county as the LaPorte County executive may provide.

*As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.12.*

#### **IC 33-33-46-5**

##### **Magistrate**

Sec. 5. (a) The judges of the court may, by a vote of the majority of the judges, appoint one (1) full-time magistrate under IC 33-23-5.

(b) The magistrate appointed under subsection (a) continues in office until removed by the vote of a majority of the judges of the court.

*As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.12.*

#### **IC 33-33-46-6**

##### **Transfer of actions and proceedings**

Sec. 6. Notwithstanding IC 33-29-1-9, the judge of the LaPorte

circuit court may, with the consent of the judge of the receiving court, transfer any action or proceeding from the circuit court to any of the LaPorte superior courts. The judge of any of the LaPorte superior courts may, with consent of the judge of the circuit or another LaPorte superior court, transfer any action or proceeding from the LaPorte superior court to the circuit court or to another LaPorte superior court. However, a judge of LaPorte superior courts No. 3 and No. 4 may not transfer any action or proceeding docketed in the small claims and misdemeanor division to the LaPorte circuit court or LaPorte superior court No. 1 or No. 2.

*As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.12.*

#### **IC 33-33-46-7 Version a**

##### **Jurisdiction**

*Note: This version of section effective until 1-1-2012. See also following repeal of this section, effective 1-1-2012.*

Sec. 7. The courts have the same jurisdiction as the LaPorte circuit court.

*As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.12.*

#### **IC 33-33-46-7 Version b**

##### **Repealed**

*(Repealed by P.L.201-2011, SEC.115.)*

*Note: This repeal of section effective 1-1-2012. See also preceding version of this section, effective until 1-1-2012.*

#### **IC 33-33-46-8 Version a**

##### **Small claims and misdemeanor divisions**

*Note: This version of section effective until 1-1-2012. See also following repeal of this section, effective 1-1-2012.*

Sec. 8. LaPorte superior courts No. 3 and No. 4 each have a standard small claims and misdemeanor division.

*As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.12.*

#### **IC 33-33-46-8 Version b**

##### **Repealed**

*(Repealed by P.L.201-2011, SEC.115.)*

*Note: This repeal of section effective 1-1-2012. See also preceding version of this section, effective until 1-1-2012.*