

HOUSE BILL No. 1034

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 2-7.

Synopsis: Lobbying expenses of political subdivisions. Requires each Indiana political subdivision to file with the lobby registration commission an annual report of certain expenses paid by the political subdivision relating to lobbying the general assembly. Requires that the Indiana transparency Internet web site contain links to the reports.

Effective: July 1, 2015.

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January 6, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Government and Regulatory Reform.



First Regular Session of the 119th General Assembly (2015)

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 the general assembly.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 2-7-1-7.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.58-2010, SECTION
2 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
3 2015]: Sec. 7.5. "Legislative liaison" means the following:
4 (1) For purposes of IC 2-7-8, the term means either of the
5 following:
6 (A) An employee of a political subdivision who receives at
7 least five percent (5%) of the individual's annual
8 compensation from the political subdivision to engage in
9 lobbying.
10 (B) A person who is:
11 (i) engaged by a political subdivision to lobby on behalf
12 of the political subdivision; and
13 (ii) required to register as a lobbyist under this article.
14 (2) For purposes of IC 5-14-7, the term has the meaning set
15 forth in IC 5-14-7-3.



1 SECTION 2. IC 2-7-1-12.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 2 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 3 1, 2015]: **Sec. 12.5. "Political subdivision" has the meaning set forth
 4 in IC 36-1-2-13.**

5 SECTION 3. IC 2-7-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
 6 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 7 1, 2015]:

8 **Chapter 8. Report of Lobbying Expenses by Political
 9 Subdivisions**

10 **Sec. 1. Each political subdivision shall annually file a single,
 11 aggregate report of expenditures for lobbying by the political
 12 subdivision.**

13 **Sec. 2. The report required by section 1 of this chapter must
 14 include the following information:**

15 (1) The total amount spent by the political subdivision to
 16 compensate the political subdivision's legislative liaisons. If an
 17 employee of a political subdivision is a legislative liaison who
 18 does not spend all of the employee's time on lobbying, the
 19 political subdivision may prorate the employee's
 20 compensation to reflect the amount of time the employee
 21 spends on lobbying.

22 (2) The amount paid by the political subdivision:

23 (A) as dues, subscriptions, or other payments; and

24 (B) to persons who engage in lobbying.

25 The amount reported under this subdivision must name the
 26 person to whom the payment is made. The amount reported
 27 under this subdivision may not include the amount reported
 28 under subdivision (1).

29 (3) The aggregate amount spent by the political subdivision's
 30 legislative liaisons for entertainment (including meals and
 31 drinks) or gifts that:

32 (A) total per legislative person:

33 (i) fifty dollars (\$50) or more in one (1) day; or

34 (ii) together more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250)
 35 during the reporting year; and

36 (B) would be reportable to the commission by a registered
 37 lobbyist under this article.

38 **Sec. 3. (a) A report required by this chapter must:**

39 (1) be filed with the commission not later than November 30
 40 of each year; and

41 (2) cover the period from November 1 of the previous year
 42 through October 31 of the year in which the report is filed.



1 **(b) The first report required by this chapter must:**

2 **(1) be filed with the commission not later than November 30,**
3 **2016; and**

4 **(2) cover the period from November 1, 2015, through October**
5 **31, 2016.**

6 **Sec. 4. If a political subdivision has no expenditures required to**
7 **be reported under this chapter, a statement of that fact is required**
8 **and is sufficient to comply with the reporting requirements of this**
9 **chapter.**

10 **Sec. 5. (a) The commission shall post reports received under this**
11 **chapter on the commission's Internet web site.**

12 **(b) If the commission does not receive a report from a political**
13 **subdivision under this chapter, the commission shall notify the**
14 **political subdivision and post a copy of the notice on the**
15 **commission's Internet web site.**

16 **(c) In addition to posting the reports under subsection (a), the**
17 **commission shall post a report for each county that shows the**
18 **following:**

19 **(1) The expenditures for each political subdivision located**
20 **within the county.**

21 **(2) The total of expenditures for all the political subdivisions**
22 **located within the county.**

23 **If a political subdivision is located in more than one (1) county, the**
24 **commission shall allocate the expenditures of the political**
25 **subdivision to each county in which the political subdivision is**
26 **located, based on the population of the political subdivision located**
27 **in each county.**

28 **Sec. 6. The Indiana transparency Internet web site must contain**
29 **links to the reports posted under section 5 of this chapter.**

