

HOUSE BILL No. 1287

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 13-12-7.

Synopsis: Climate change commission. Establishes the Indiana climate change mitigation and resilience commission.

Effective: July 1, 2022.

Hamilton

January 10, 2022, read first time and referred to Committee on Environmental Affairs.



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

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 13-12-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2022]:

4 **Chapter 7. Indiana Climate Change Mitigation and Resilience**
5 **Commission**

6 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the**
7 **Indiana climate change mitigation and resilience commission**
8 **established by section 2 of this chapter.**

9 **Sec. 2. The Indiana climate change mitigation and resilience**
10 **commission is established.**

11 **Sec. 3. The commission consists of thirteen (13) members,**
12 **appointed as follows:**

13 **(1) Four (4) members of the general assembly who are**
14 **appointed under section 5 of this chapter.**

15 **(2) Two (2) members who have broad experience in electric**
16 **utility policy appointed by the governor. At least one (1) of the**
17 **members appointed under this subdivision must represent**



- 1 utility ratepayers.
- 2 (3) One (1) member from Purdue University's Climate
- 3 Research Center appointed by the governor.
- 4 (4) One (1) member from Indiana University's Environmental
- 5 Resilience Institute appointed by the governor.
- 6 (5) One (1) member who has expertise in renewable energy
- 7 technology and deployment appointed by the governor.
- 8 (6) One (1) member who is a representative of the Indiana
- 9 Farm Bureau appointed by the governor.
- 10 (7) The chairperson of the board of the Indiana economic
- 11 development corporation or the chairperson's designee.
- 12 (8) The commissioner of the department or the
- 13 commissioner's designee.
- 14 (9) The director of the department of natural resources or the
- 15 director's designee.
- 16 **Sec. 4. Members of the commission appointed under section 3(2)**
- 17 **through 3(9) of this chapter serve a four (4) year term.**
- 18 **Sec. 5. (a) Four (4) members of the general assembly shall be**
- 19 **appointed as members of the commission as follows:**
- 20 (1) The president pro tempore of the senate shall appoint one
- 21 (1) member of the senate who shall serve as co-chair of the
- 22 commission.
- 23 (2) The minority leader of the senate shall appoint one (1)
- 24 member of the senate.
- 25 (3) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint
- 26 one (1) member of the house of representatives.
- 27 (4) The minority leader of the house of representatives shall
- 28 appoint one (1) member of the house of representatives who
- 29 shall serve as co-chair of the commission.
- 30 (b) A member of the commission appointed under subsection (a)
- 31 serves until the member's current term of office as a member of the
- 32 general assembly expires.
- 33 (c) A vacancy under subsection (a) shall be filled by the officer
- 34 who appointed the vacating legislator. A legislative member
- 35 appointed under this subsection serves until the end of the
- 36 unexpired term of the vacating legislator.
- 37 (d) A member of the commission appointed under this section
- 38 may be reappointed.
- 39 **Sec. 6. Seven (7) members of the commission constitute a**
- 40 **quorum.**
- 41 **Sec. 7. The commission is responsible for making all policy**
- 42 **decisions relating to the duties and powers of the commission.**



1 **Sec. 8. The department shall staff the commission.**

2 **Sec. 9. (a) Each member of the commission who is not a state**
 3 **employee is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by**
 4 **IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is also entitled to reimbursement**
 5 **for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other**
 6 **expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties**
 7 **as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the**
 8 **Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget**
 9 **agency. Expenses incurred under this subsection shall be paid out**
 10 **of the funds appropriated to the lieutenant governor.**

11 **(b) Each member of the commission who is a state employee but**
 12 **who is not a member of the general assembly is entitled to**
 13 **reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under**
 14 **IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection**
 15 **with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and**
 16 **procedures established by the Indiana department of**
 17 **administration and approved by the budget agency.**

18 **(c) Each member of the commission who is a member of the**
 19 **general assembly is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage,**
 20 **and travel allowances paid to members of the general assembly**
 21 **serving on interim study committees established by the legislative**
 22 **council.**

23 **Sec. 10. (a) The purposes of the commission are to study climate**
 24 **change impacts on Indiana, as well as resilience and carbon**
 25 **mitigation policies.**

26 **(b) The commission shall develop recommendations in the**
 27 **following areas:**

- 28 **(1) Policies that encourage the growth of renewable energy.**
 29 **(2) Policies in support of resilience measures that will help**
 30 **protect Indiana's communities and infrastructure.**
 31 **(3) Policies to address the projected impacts on Indiana's**
 32 **agricultural sector.**
 33 **(4) Policies to help grow Indiana's clean energy**
 34 **manufacturing sector, including the manufacture of:**
 35 **(A) electric vehicle;**
 36 **(B) wind turbine; and**
 37 **(C) solar panel;**
 38 **components.**
 39 **(5) A plan for decreasing the greenhouse gas emissions from**
 40 **motor vehicles owned and operated in Indiana, including a**
 41 **plan for increasing the number of registered electric vehicles.**
 42 **(6) The development of policies to increase:**



- 1 **(A) waste reduction;**
2 **(B) reuse;**
3 **(C) composting; and**
4 **(D) recycling;**
5 **activities across Indiana.**
6 **(7) Other policies as determined by the commission to be**
7 **necessary for the development of a comprehensive climate**
8 **change mitigation and resilience plan for Indiana.**
9 **Sec. 11. (a) The commission shall submit an annual report to the**
10 **executive director of the legislative services agency for distribution**
11 **to the members of the general assembly.**
12 **(b) The report must include a description of:**
13 **(1) all activities undertaken by the commission during the**
14 **prior state fiscal year; and**
15 **(2) the recommendations developed under section 10(b) of this**
16 **chapter.**
17 **(c) The commission shall submit the report:**
18 **(1) not later than December 1 of each year; and**
19 **(2) in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.**
20 **Sec. 12. This chapter expires December 31, 2030.**

