

# HOUSE BILL No. 1327

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 14-29-9.

**Synopsis:** Ownership of Kankakee Meanderlands. Requires the department of natural resources to offer to grant and convey by deed to an eligible property owner not more than four acres of the property along the Kankakee River known as the Kankakee Meanderlands Wetland Conservation Area that abuts the private property of the eligible property owner. Defines "eligible property owner".

**Effective:** Upon passage.

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January 11, 2022, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

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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~~.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 14-29-9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON  
3 PASSAGE]:

4 **Chapter 9. Ownership of Kankakee Meanderlands Wetland**  
5 **Conservation Area**

6 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "eligible property owner" means**  
7 **an individual who owns private property:**

- 8 (1) that abuts the meanderlands;
- 9 (2) upon which there is no reasonable access without an
- 10 easement through the meanderlands; and
- 11 (3) that has been owned by the individual or within the
- 12 individual's family for at least one hundred (100) years.

13 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "meanderlands" refers to the**  
14 **area along the Kankakee River owned by the state and operated by**  
15 **the department that is also known as the Kankakee Meanderlands**  
16 **Wetland Conservation Area.**

17 **Sec. 3. (a) The department shall offer to grant and convey by**



1 deed to an eligible property owner not more than four (4) acres of  
2 the meanderlands that abut the private property of the eligible  
3 property owner.

4 (b) If the eligible property owner accepts the offer made by the  
5 department under subsection (a), the department shall grant and  
6 convey by deed the offered property to the eligible property owner.

7 SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.

