

HOUSE BILL No. 1391

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 36-2-6-23.

Synopsis: Requirements for professional services bills. Allows the St. Joseph County legislative body to adopt an ordinance establishing requirements for the billing of professional services to the county.

Effective: July 1, 2016.

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January 13, 2016, read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government.



Second Regular Session of the 119th General Assembly (2016)

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 local government.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 36-2-6-23 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2016]: **Sec. 23. (a) This section applies only to a county having a
4 population of more than two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) but
5 less than two hundred seventy thousand (270,000).**
6 **(b) As used in this section, "professional services" means the
7 furnishing of services by any of the following:**
8 **(1) A licensed accountant.**
9 **(2) A licensed architect.**
10 **(3) A professional engineer.**
11 **(4) A professional surveyor.**
12 **(5) An attorney.**
13 **(6) A federal covered investment adviser under IC 23-19-4-5.**
14 **(7) A broker-dealer, agent, investment adviser, or investment
15 adviser representative registered under IC 23-19-4.**
16 **(c) Notwithstanding any other statute, the county legislative
17 body may adopt an ordinance establishing requirements for the**



1 **billing of professional services to the county. The requirements**
2 **adopted by the county legislative body may include the following:**

3 **(1) Information required to be included on invoices for**
4 **professional services, including the following:**

5 **(A) The identity of the individual providing the**
6 **professional services.**

7 **(B) The hours and dates that the professional services were**
8 **performed.**

9 **(C) The overall cost of the professional services**
10 **denominated by hourly rate, if the professional services**
11 **were charged by hourly rate.**

12 **(D) The overall average hourly rate of the professional**
13 **services, if the professional services were provided**
14 **according to a fixed fee, contingency fee, or other fee**
15 **arrangement. The overall average hourly rate shall be**
16 **determined by dividing the total cost of the professional**
17 **services by the total hours of professional services.**

18 **(E) Any other information the county legislative body**
19 **considers necessary.**

20 **(2) Requirements regarding the disclosure of invoices for**
21 **professional services by the county executive to the county**
22 **legislative body, including the timing and nature of disclosure.**

23 **(d) The county legislative body may adopt any other**
24 **requirement regarding the county's practices in billing**
25 **professional services in order to fulfill the county legislative body's**
26 **duties and responsibilities under IC 36-2-3.5-5.**

