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HOUSE ENROLLED ACT No. 1427

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

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

SECTION 1. IC 3-5-4-1.7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.74-2017, SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 1.7. (a) Except as otherwise expressly authorized or required under this title, a filing by a person with a commission, the election division, an election board, or a county voter registration office may not be made by fax or electronic mail.

(b) A petition of nomination filed with a county voter registration office under IC 3-8-2, IC 3-8-2.5, IC 3-8-3, or IC 3-8-6 or a petition to place a public question on the ballot, or any other petition filed that requires the county voter registration office to certify the validity of signatures, may not contain the electronic signature, ~~(as defined in IC 5-24-2-2),~~ digital signature, ~~(as defined in IC 5-24-2-1),~~ digitized signature, or photocopied signature of a voter.

SECTION 2. IC 4-13-2-14.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.113-2010, SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 14.1. (a) A contract to which a state agency is a party must be approved by the following persons:

(1) The commissioner of the Indiana department of administration.

(2) The director of the budget agency. The director of the budget agency is not required to approve a contract:

(A) for supplies under IC 5-22, unless the budget agency is required to approve the contract under rules or written policies adopted under IC 5-22; or

(B) for public works under IC 4-13.6, if the estimated cost of the contract is less than one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000).

(3) The attorney general, as required by section 14.3 of this chapter.

(b) Each of the persons listed in subsection (a) may delegate to another person the responsibility to approve contracts under this section. The delegation must be in writing and must be filed with the Indiana department of administration.

(c) The Indiana department of administration may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to provide for electronic approval of contracts. Electronic approval may include obtaining the equivalent of a signature from all contracting parties using an electronic method, ~~that does not comply with IC 5-24 (the electronic digital signature act),~~ so long as the method allows the party to read the terms of the contract and to manifest the party's agreement to the contract by clicking on an "ok", an "agree", or a similarly labeled button or allows the party to not agree to the contract by clicking on a "cancel", "don't agree", "close window", or similarly labeled button. Rules adopted under this subsection must provide for the following:

(1) Security to prevent unauthorized access to the approval process.

(2) The ability to convert electronic approvals into a medium allowing persons inspecting or copying contract records to know when approval has been given.

The rules adopted under this subsection may include any other provisions the department considers necessary.

(d) The Indiana department of administration shall maintain a file of information concerning contracts and leases to which a state agency is a party.

SECTION 3. IC 5-3-1-2.3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.149-2016, SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 2.3. **(a)** A notice published in accordance with this chapter or any other Indiana statute is valid even though the notice contains errors or omissions, as long as:

(1) a reasonable person would not be misled by the error or omission; and

(2) the notice is in substantial compliance with the time and publication requirements applicable under this chapter or any

other Indiana statute under which the notice is published.

(b) This subsection applies if:

(1) a political subdivision publishes or submits to the department of local government finance's computer gateway a notice concerning a tax rate, tax levy, or budget;

(2) the notice described in subdivision (1) contains an error or omission that causes the notice to inaccurately reflect the tax rate, tax levy, or budget actually proposed or fixed by the political subdivision; and

(3) the difference between the amount of the published or submitted tax rate, tax levy, or budget of the political subdivision and the tax rate, tax levy, or budget actually proposed or fixed by the political subdivision is less than one-tenth of one percent (0.1%).

Notwithstanding any other law, a notice described in this subsection is a valid notice and the department of local government finance shall correct the error or omission.

SECTION 4. IC 5-11-1-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.149-2016, SECTION 19, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 7. (a) The state examiner shall appoint assistants not exceeding the number required to administer this article. The assistants are to be known as "field examiners" and are at all times subject to the order and direction of the state examiner. Field examiners shall inspect and examine accounts of all state agencies, municipalities, and other governmental units, entities, or instrumentalities.

(b) The state examiner may engage or, in accordance with section 24 of this chapter, allow the engagement of private examiners to the extent the state examiner determines necessary to satisfy the requirements of this article. These examiners are subject to the direction of the state examiner while performing examinations under this article. The state examiner shall allow the engagement of private examiners for any state college or university subject to examination under this article if the state examiner finds that the private examiner is an independent certified public accountant firm with specific expertise in the financial affairs of educational organizations. **The state examiner shall allow the engagement of private examiners for any development authority in accordance with IC 36-7.5-2-9 or IC 36-7.6-2-14, whichever applies.** These private examiners are subject to the direction of the state examiner while performing examinations under this article.

(c) The state examiner may engage experts to assist the state board

of accounts in carrying out its responsibilities under this article.

SECTION 5. IC 5-11-1-16, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-2015, SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 16. (a) As used in this article, "municipality" means any county, township, city, town, school corporation, special taxing district, or other political subdivision of Indiana.

(b) As used in this article, "state" means any board, commission, department, division, bureau, committee, agency, governmental subdivision, military body, authority, or other instrumentality of the state, but does not include a municipality.

(c) As used in this article, "public office" means the office of any and every individual who for or on behalf of the state or any municipality or any public hospital holds, receives, disburses, or keeps the accounts of the receipts and disbursements of any public funds.

(d) As used in this article, "public officer" means any individual who holds, receives, disburses, or is required by law to keep any account of public funds or other funds for which the individual is accountable by virtue of the individual's public office.

(e) As used in this article, "entity" means any provider of goods, services, or other benefits that is:

(1) maintained in whole or in part at public expense; or

(2) supported in whole or in part by appropriations or public funds or by taxation.

The term does not include the state or a municipality (as defined in this section).

(f) As used in this article, a "public hospital" means either of the following:

(1) An institution licensed under IC 16-21 and which is owned by the state or an agency of the state or one which is a municipal corporation. A hospital is a municipal corporation if its governing board members are appointed by elected officials of a municipality.

(2) A state institution (as defined in IC 12-7-2-184).

(g) As used in this article, "audit committee" refers to the audit and financial reporting subcommittee of the legislative council established by IC 2-5-1.1-6.3.

(h) As used in this article, "audited entity" has the meaning set forth in IC 2-5-1.1-6.3.

(i) As used in this article, "development authority" has the meaning set forth in the following:

(1) IC 36-7.5-1-8.

(2) IC 36-7.6-1-8.

SECTION 6. IC 5-11-1-25, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-2015, SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 25. (a) This section and section 24.4 of this chapter do not limit the application of any law that requires a municipality, a public hospital, another public office or public officer, an entity, or another person or organization to be audited or otherwise examined on an annual or other basis by:

(1) a certified public accountant; or

(2) a person other than the state examiner or the state board of accounts.

(b) Subject to section 9 of this chapter and subsections (c) and (d), the state board of accounts shall conduct examinations of audited entities at the times determined by the state board of accounts, but not less than once every four (4) years, using risk based examination criteria that are established by the state board of accounts and approved by the audit committee. The risk based examination criteria must include the following risk factors:

(1) An audited entity has a newly elected or appointed fiscal officer.

(2) An audited entity:

(A) has not timely filed; or

(B) has filed a materially incorrect or incomplete;

annual financial report required by section 4 of this chapter.

(3) Any other factor determined by the state examiner and approved by the audit committee.

(c) Examinations must be conducted annually for the following:

(1) The state.

(2) An audited entity (other than a school corporation) that requires an annual audit:

(A) because of the receipt of federal financial assistance in an amount that subjects the audited entity to an annual federal audit;

(B) due to continuing disclosure requirements; or

(C) as a condition of a public bond issuance.

(3) A development authority.

An audited entity shall, under the guidelines established by the state board of accounts, provide notice to the state examiner not later than sixty (60) days after the close of the audited entity's fiscal year that the audited entity is required to have an annual audit under subdivision (2).

(d) As permitted under this section since September 1, 1986 (the effective date of P.L.3-1986, SECTION 16), examinations of school corporations shall be conducted biennially.

SECTION 7. IC 5-14-3.8-3.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.255-2017, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 3.5. (a) This section applies only to contracts that a political subdivision **that is a taxing unit (as defined in IC 6-1.1-1-21)** enters into after June 30, 2016.

(b) As used in this section, "contract" includes all pages of a contract and any attachments to the contract.

(c) A political subdivision shall upload a digital copy of a contract to the Indiana transparency Internet web site one (1) time if the total cost of the contract to the political subdivision exceeds fifty thousand dollars ($50,000) during the term of the contract. This subsection applies to all contracts for any subject, purpose, or term, except that a political subdivision is not required to upload a copy of an employment contract between the political subdivision and an employee of the political subdivision. In the case of a collective bargaining agreement, the political subdivision shall upload a copy of the collective bargaining agreement and a copy of a blank or sample individual employment contract. A political subdivision shall upload the contract not later than sixty (60) days after the date the contract is executed. If a political subdivision enters into a contract that the political subdivision reasonably expects when entered into will not exceed fifty thousand dollars ($50,000) in cost to the political subdivision but at a later date determines or expects the contract to exceed fifty thousand dollars ($50,000) in cost to the political subdivision, the political subdivision shall upload a copy of the contract within sixty (60) days after the date on which the political subdivision makes the determination or realizes the expectation that the contract will exceed fifty thousand dollars ($50,000) in cost to the political subdivision.

(d) Nothing in this section prohibits the political subdivision from withholding any information in the contract that the political subdivision shall or may withhold from disclosure under IC 5-14-3. A political subdivision may redact or obscure signatures on a contract. The political subdivision is solely responsible for redacting information in the contract.

SECTION 8. IC 5-14-3.8-9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: **Sec. 9. The county auditor of each county shall submit the certification of tax distribution and settlement to the Indiana transparency Internet web site biannually and not later than the following dates:**

(1) For the distribution and settlement to be completed by the fifty-first day after May 10 of a year under IC 6-1.1-27-1, not

later than July 15 of the same year.

(2) For the distribution and settlement to be completed by the fifty-first day after November 10 of a year under IC 6-1.1-27-1, not later than January 15 of the following year.

SECTION 9. IC 5-24 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]. (Electronic Digital Signature Act).

SECTION 10. IC 5-28-26-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.203-2005, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019 (RETROACTIVE)]: Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "base assessed value" means:

(1) the net assessed value of all the taxable property located in a global commerce center as finally determined for the assessment date immediately preceding the effective date of the allocation provision of a resolution adopted under section 18 of this chapter; plus

(2) to the extent it is not included in subdivision (1), the net assessed value of property that is assessed as residential property under the rules of the department of local government finance, **within the global commerce center,** as finally determined for ~~any~~ **the current** assessment date. ~~after the effective date of the allocation provision.~~

SECTION 11. IC 6-1.1-1-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.86-2018, SECTION 23, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 9. (a) For purposes of this article, the "owner" of tangible property shall be determined by using the rules contained in this section.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the holder of the legal title to personal property, or the legal title in fee to real property, is:

(1) the owner of that property, regardless of whether the holder of the legal title holds a fractional interest, a remainder interest, **or** a life estate, ~~or a tenancy for a term of years,~~ if a title document is not ordinarily issued to an owner for that type of property; or

(2) the owner of that property who is designated as the grantee, buyer, or other equivalent term in the title document or bureau of motor vehicles affidavit of sale or disposal, if a title document is ordinarily issued to an owner for that type of property.

(c) When title to tangible property passes on the assessment date of any year, only the person obtaining title is the owner of that property on the assessment date.

(d) When the mortgagee of real property is in possession of the mortgaged premises, the mortgagee is the owner of that property.

(e) When personal property is security for a debt and the debtor is in possession of the property, the debtor is the owner of that property.

(f) When a life tenant of real property ~~or a holder of a tenancy for a term of years in real property~~ is in possession of the real property, only the life tenant ~~or the holder of a tenancy for a term of years~~ is the owner of that property.

(g) When the grantor of a qualified personal residence trust created under United States Treasury Regulation 25.2702-5(c)(2) is:

(1) in possession of the real property transferred to the trust; and

(2) entitled to occupy the real property rent free under the terms of the trust;

the grantor is the owner of that real property.

SECTION 12. IC 6-1.1-3-2.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 2.5. (a) This section applies to a like kind exchange of depreciable personal property for which:**

(1) the exchange would have been eligible for nonrecognition of gain or loss under Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code in effect on January 1, 2017;

(2) the exchange is not eligible for nonrecognition of gain or loss under Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code currently in effect; and

(3) the taxpayer made an election to take deductions under Section 179 or Section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code with regard to the acquired property in the year that the property was placed into service.

(b) In determining the cost of the depreciable personal property described in subsection (a) that is used to determine the value of the depreciable personal property subject to an assessment, the acquisition cost of the depreciable personal property acquired in the like kind exchange shall be reported as:

(1) the net book value of the depreciable personal property traded in; plus

(2) any cash boot added to the exchange;

as if the exchange was eligible for nonrecognition of gain or loss under Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code in effect on January 1, 2017.

SECTION 13. IC 6-1.1-4-12, AS AMENDED BY HEA 1345-2019, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020]: Sec. 12. (a) As used in this section, "land developer" means a person that holds land for sale in the ordinary course of the person's trade or business. The term includes a financial

institution (as defined in IC 28-1-1-3(1)) if the financial institution's land in inventory is purchased, acquired, or held for one (1) or more of the purposes established under IC 28-1-11-5(a)(2), IC 28-1-11-5(a)(3), and IC 28-1-11-5(a)(4).

(b) As used in this section, "land in inventory" means:

(1) a lot; or

(2) a tract that has not been subdivided into lots;

to which a land developer holds title in the ordinary course of the land developer's trade or business.

(c) As used in this section, "title" refers to legal or equitable title, including the interest of a contract purchaser.

(d) For purposes of this section, land purchased, acquired, or held by a financial institution for one (1) or more of the purposes established under IC 28-1-11-5(a)(2), IC 28-1-11-5(a)(3), and IC 28-1-11-5(a)(4) is considered held for sale in the ordinary course of the financial institution's trade or business.

(e) Except as provided in subsections (i), (j), and (k), if:

(1) land assessed on an acreage basis is subdivided into lots; or

(2) land is rezoned for, or put to, a different use;

the land shall be reassessed on the basis of its new classification.

(f) If improvements are added to real property, the improvements shall be assessed.

(g) An assessment or reassessment made under this section is effective on the next assessment date.

(h) No petition to the department of local government finance is necessary with respect to an assessment or reassessment made under this section.

(i) Except as provided in subsection (k) and subject to subsection (j), land in inventory may not be reassessed until the next assessment date following the earliest of:

(1) the date on which title to the land is transferred by:

(A) the land developer; or

(B) a successor land developer that acquires title to the land;

to a person that is not a land developer;

(2) the date on which construction of a structure begins on the land; or

(3) the date on which a building permit is issued for construction of a building or structure on the land.

(j) Subsection (i) applies regardless of whether the land in inventory is rezoned while a land developer holds title to the land.

(k) ~~This subsection applies to land in inventory that a for-profit land developer acquires from a school corporation or a local unit of~~

~~government (as defined in IC 14-22-31.5-1).~~ **This subsection applies to land in inventory that a for-profit land developer acquires from a:**

(1) school corporation; or

(2) local unit of government (as defined in IC 14-22-31.5-1), but only if the local unit of government:

(A) acquired the land in a tax sale procedure under IC 6-1.1; or

(B) has held the land for not less than three (3) years prior to the date on which the for-profit land developer acquires it from the local unit of government.

Land in inventory to which this subsection applies shall be assessed on the first assessment date immediately following the date on which the land developer acquires title to the land in inventory. Notwithstanding section 13(a) of this chapter, land in inventory to which this subsection applies is considered to be devoted to agricultural use and shall be assessed at the agricultural land base rate. After the initial assessment under this subsection, land in inventory to which this subsection applies shall be reassessed in accordance with subsection (i).

SECTION 14. IC 6-1.1-4-17, AS AMENDED BY P.L.86-2018, SECTION 31, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 17. (a) Subject to ~~the a~~pproval ~~of the department of local government finance and~~ the requirements of section 18.5 of this chapter, a county assessor may employ professional appraisers as technical advisors for assessments in all townships in the county. The department of local government finance may approve **or deny** employment under this subsection. ~~only if the department is a party to the employment contract and any addendum to the employment contract.~~

(b) A decision by a county assessor to not employ a professional appraiser as a technical advisor in a reassessment under section 4.2 of this chapter is subject to approval by the department of local government finance.

(c) As used in this chapter, "professional appraiser" means an individual or firm that is certified under IC 6-1.1-31.7.

SECTION 15. IC 6-1.1-4-18.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2008, SECTION 72, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 18.5. (a) A county assessor may not use the services of a professional appraiser for assessment or reassessment purposes without a written contract. The contract used must be either a standard contract developed by the department of local government finance or a contract that has been specifically approved by the

department. The department shall ensure that the contract:

(1) includes all of the provisions required under section 19.5(b) of this chapter; and

(2) adequately provides for the creation and transmission of real property assessment data in the form required by the legislative services agency and the division of data analysis of the department.

(b) No contract shall be made with any professional appraiser to act as technical advisor in the assessment of property, before the giving of notice and the receiving of bids from anyone desiring to furnish this service. Notice of the time and place for receiving bids for the contract shall be given by publication by one (1) insertion in two (2) newspapers of general circulation published in the county and representing each of the two (2) leading political parties in the county. If only one (1) newspaper is there published, notice in that one (1) newspaper is sufficient to comply with the requirements of this subsection. The contract shall be awarded to the lowest and best bidder who meets all requirements under law for entering a contract to serve as technical advisor in the assessment of property. However, any and all bids may be rejected, and new bids may be asked.

(c) The county council of each county shall appropriate the funds needed to meet the obligations created by a professional appraisal services contract which is entered into under this chapter.

(d) A county assessor who enters into a contract with a professional appraiser shall submit a contract to the department through the Indiana transparency Internet web site in the manner prescribed by the department. The county shall upload the contract not later than thirty (30) days after execution of the contract.

(e) The department may review any contracts uploaded under subsection (d) to ensure compliance with section 19.5 of this chapter.

SECTION 16. IC 6-1.1-4-19.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.182-2009(ss), SECTION 88, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 19.5. (a) The department of local government finance shall develop a standard contract or standard provisions for contracts to be used in securing professional appraising services.

(b) The standard contract or contract provisions must contain:

(1) a fixed date by which the professional appraiser or appraisal firm shall have completed all responsibilities under the contract;

(2) a penalty clause under which the amount to be paid for

appraisal services is decreased for failure to complete specified services within the specified time;

(3) a provision requiring the appraiser, or appraisal firm, to make periodic reports to the county assessor;

(4) a provision stipulating the manner in which, and the time intervals at which, the periodic reports referred to in subdivision (3) of this subsection are to be made;

(5) a precise stipulation of what service or services are to be provided and what class or classes of property are to be appraised;

(6) a provision stipulating that the contractor will generate complete parcel characteristics and parcel assessment data in a manner and format acceptable to the legislative services agency and the department of local government finance;

(7) a provision stipulating that the legislative services agency and the department of local government finance have unrestricted access to the contractor's work product under the contract; and

(8) a provision stating that the **contract is void and unenforceable if the appraiser is not certified by the** department of local government finance **on the date that the contract is executed** ~~is a party to the contract and any addendum to the contract.~~ **or the department of local government finance subsequently revokes the professional appraiser's certification under IC 6-1.1-31.7-4 after the contract is executed.**

The department of local government finance may devise other necessary provisions for the contracts in order to give effect to this chapter.

(c) In order to comply with the duties assigned to it by this section, the department of local government finance may develop:

(1) one (1) or more model contracts;

(2) one (1) contract with alternate provisions; or

(3) any combination of subdivisions (1) and (2).

The department may approve special contract language in order to meet any unusual situations.

SECTION 17. IC 6-1.1-11-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.232-2017, SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 3. (a) Subject to subsections (e), (f), (g), ~~and~~ (h), **and (i),** an owner of tangible property who wishes to obtain an exemption from property taxation shall file a certified application in duplicate with the county assessor of the county in which the property that is the subject of the exemption is located. The application must be filed annually on or before:

(1) May 15 on forms prescribed by the department of local

government finance, if the application is filed for an assessment date in a year that ends before January 1, 2016; and

(2) April 1 of the year containing the assessment date, if the application is filed in a year that begins after December 31, 2015.

Except as provided in sections 1, 3.5, and 4 of this chapter, the application applies only for the taxes imposed for the year for which the application is filed.

(b) The authority for signing an exemption application may not be delegated by the owner of the property to any other person except by an executed power of attorney.

(c) An exemption application which is required under this chapter shall contain the following information:

(1) A description of the property claimed to be exempt in sufficient detail to afford identification.

(2) A statement showing the ownership, possession, and use of the property.

(3) The grounds for claiming the exemption.

(4) The full name and address of the applicant.

(5) For the year that ends on the assessment date of the property, identification of:

(A) each part of the property used or occupied; and

(B) each part of the property not used or occupied;

for one (1) or more exempt purposes under IC 6-1.1-10 during the time the property is used or occupied.

(6) Any additional information which the department of local government finance may require.

(d) A person who signs an exemption application shall attest in writing and under penalties of perjury that, to the best of the person's knowledge and belief, a predominant part of the property claimed to be exempt is not being used or occupied in connection with a trade or business that is not substantially related to the exercise or performance of the organization's exempt purpose.

(e) An owner must file with an application for exemption of real property under subsection (a) or section 5 of this chapter a copy of the assessor's record kept under IC 6-1.1-4-25(a) that shows the calculation of the assessed value of the real property for the assessment date for which the exemption is claimed. Upon receipt of the exemption application, the county assessor shall examine that record and determine if the real property for which the exemption is claimed is properly assessed. If the county assessor determines that the real property is not properly assessed, the county assessor shall:

(1) properly assess the real property or direct the township

assessor to properly assess the real property; and

(2) notify the county auditor of the proper assessment or direct the township assessor to notify the county auditor of the proper assessment.

(f) If the county assessor determines that the applicant has not filed with an application for exemption a copy of the record referred to in subsection (e), the county assessor shall notify the applicant in writing of that requirement. The applicant then has thirty (30) days after the date of the notice to comply with that requirement. The county property tax assessment board of appeals shall deny an application described in this subsection if the applicant does not comply with that requirement within the time permitted under this subsection. After December 31, 2015, the notice required by this subsection must be sent not later than April 25 in the year that it is required.

(g) This subsection applies whenever a law requires an exemption to be claimed on or in an application accompanying a personal property tax return. The claim or application may be filed on or with a personal property tax return not more than thirty (30) days after the filing date for the personal property tax return, regardless of whether an extension of the filing date has been granted under IC 6-1.1-3-7.

(h) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a person seeking an exemption may file an exemption application up to three (3) years following the deadline set forth in subsection (a) if:

(1) the property on which the person seeking an exemption was exempt from taxation for the tax year immediately before the deadline set forth in subsection (a); and

(2) the person seeking an exemption would have been eligible for the exemption on the deadline set forth in subsection (a).

This subsection does not extend the deadline for an appeal of a denial of an exemption application.

(i) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a person seeking an exemption under IC 6-1.1-10-16 may file an exemption application up to thirty (30) days following the deadline set forth in subsection (a) if the person pays a late filing fee equal to the lesser of:

(1) twenty-five dollars ($25) for each day after the deadline set forth in subsection (a); or

(2) two hundred fifty dollars ($250).

The county auditor shall deposit all money collected under this subsection in the county's property reassessment fund.

SECTION 18. IC 6-1.1-12-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.81-2010, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 2. (a) Except as provided in section 17.8 of this

chapter and subject to section 45 of this chapter, for a person to qualify for the deduction provided by section 1 of this chapter a statement must be filed under subsection (b) or (c). Regardless of the manner in which a statement is filed, the mortgage, contract, or memorandum (including a home equity line of credit) must be recorded with the county recorder's office to qualify for a deduction under section 1 of this chapter.

(b) Subject to subsection (c), to apply for the deduction under section 1 of this chapter with respect to real property, the person recording the mortgage, home equity line of credit, contract, or memorandum of the contract with the county recorder may file a written statement with the county recorder containing the information described in subsection (e)(1), (e)(2), (e)(3), (e)(4), (e)(6), (e)(7), and (e)(8). The statement must be prepared on the form prescribed by the department of local government finance and be signed by the property owner or contract purchaser under the penalties of perjury. The form must have a place for the county recorder to insert the record number and page where the mortgage, home equity line of credit, contract, or memorandum of the contract is recorded. Upon receipt of the form and the recording of the mortgage, home equity line of credit, contract, or memorandum of the contract, the county recorder shall insert on the form the record number and page where the mortgage, home equity line of credit, contract, or memorandum of the contract is recorded and forward the completed form to the county auditor. The county recorder may not impose a charge for the county recorder's duties under this subsection. The statement must be completed and dated in the calendar year for which the person wishes to obtain the deduction and filed with the county recorder on or before January 5 of the immediately succeeding calendar year.

(c) With respect to:

(1) real property as an alternative to a filing under subsection (b); or

(2) a mobile home that is not assessed as real property or a manufactured home that is not assessed as real property;

to apply for a deduction under section 1 of this chapter, a person who desires to claim the deduction may file a statement in duplicate, on forms prescribed by the department of local government finance, with the auditor of the county in which the real property, mobile home not assessed as real property, or manufactured home not assessed as real property is located. ~~With respect to real property~~ **To obtain the deduction for a desired calendar year in which property taxes are first due and payable,** the statement must be completed and dated in

the **immediately preceding** calendar year ~~for which the person wishes to obtain the deduction~~ and filed with the county auditor on or before January 5 of the ~~immediately succeeding~~ calendar year ~~With respect to a mobile home that is not assessed as real property or a manufactured home that is not assessed as real property, the statement must be filed during the twelve (12) months before March 31 of each year for which the individual wishes to obtain the deduction.~~ **in which the property taxes are first due and payable.** The statement may be filed in person or by mail. If mailed, the mailing must be postmarked on or before the last day for filing. In addition to the statement required by this subsection, a contract buyer who desires to claim the deduction must submit a copy of the recorded contract or recorded memorandum of the contract, which must contain a legal description sufficient to meet the requirements of IC 6-1.1-5, with the first statement that the buyer files under this section with respect to a particular parcel of real property.

(d) Upon receipt of:

(1) the statement under subsection (b); or

(2) the statement under subsection (c) and the recorded contract or recorded memorandum of the contract;

the county auditor shall assign a separate description and identification number to the parcel of real property being sold under the contract.

(e) The statement referred to in subsections (b) and (c) must be verified under penalties for perjury. The statement must contain the following information:

(1) The balance of the person's mortgage, home equity line of credit, or contract indebtedness that is recorded in the county recorder's office on the assessment date of the year for which the deduction is claimed.

(2) The assessed value of the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home.

(3) The full name and complete residence address of the person and of the mortgagee or contract seller.

(4) The name and residence of any assignee or bona fide owner or holder of the mortgage, home equity line of credit, or contract, if known, and if not known, the person shall state that fact.

(5) The record number and page where the mortgage, contract, or memorandum of the contract is recorded.

(6) A brief description of the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home which is encumbered by the mortgage or home equity line of credit or sold under the contract.

(7) If the person is not the sole legal or equitable owner of the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home, the exact share of

the person's interest in it.

(8) The name of any other county in which the person has applied for a deduction under this section and the amount of deduction claimed in that application.

(f) The authority for signing a deduction application filed under this section may not be delegated by the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home owner or contract buyer to any person except upon an executed power of attorney. The power of attorney may be contained in the recorded mortgage, contract, or memorandum of the contract, or in a separate instrument.

(g) A closing agent (as defined in section 43(a)(2) of this chapter) is not liable for any damages claimed by the property owner or contract purchaser because of:

(1) the closing agent's failure to provide the written statement described in subsection (b);

(2) the closing agent's failure to file the written statement described in subsection (b);

(3) any omission or inaccuracy in the written statement described in subsection (b) that is filed with the county recorder by the closing agent; or

(4) any determination made with respect to a property owner's or contract purchaser's eligibility for the deduction under section 1 of this chapter.

(h) The county recorder may not refuse to record a mortgage, contract, or memorandum because the written statement described in subsection (b):

(1) is not included with the mortgage, home equity line of credit, contract, or memorandum of the contract;

(2) does not contain the signatures required by subsection (b);

(3) does not contain the information described in subsection (e); or

(4) is otherwise incomplete or inaccurate.

(i) The form prescribed by the department of local government finance under subsection (b) and the instructions for the form must both include a statement:

(1) that explains that a person is not entitled to a deduction under section 1 of this chapter unless the person has a balance on the person's mortgage or contract indebtedness that is recorded in the county recorder's office (including any home equity line of credit that is recorded in the county recorder's office) that is the basis for the deduction; and

(2) that specifies the penalties for perjury.

(j) The department of local government finance shall develop a notice:

(1) that must be displayed in a place accessible to the public in the office of each county auditor;

(2) that includes the information described in subsection (i); and

(3) that explains that the form prescribed by the department of local government finance to claim the deduction under section 1 of this chapter must be signed by the property owner or contract purchaser under the penalties of perjury.

SECTION 19. IC 6-1.1-12-10.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.183-2014, SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 10.1. (a) Except as provided in section 17.8 of this chapter and subject to section 45 of this chapter, an individual who desires to claim the deduction provided by section 9 of this chapter must file a sworn statement, on forms prescribed by the department of local government finance, with the auditor of the county in which the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home is located. ~~With respect to real property,~~ **To obtain the deduction for a desired calendar year in which property taxes are first due and payable,** the statement must be completed and dated in the **immediately preceding** calendar year ~~for which the individual wishes to obtain the deduction~~ and filed with the county auditor on or before January 5 of the ~~immediately succeeding~~ calendar year ~~With respect to a mobile home that is not assessed as real property or a manufactured home that is not assessed as real property, the statement must be filed during the twelve (12) months before March 31 of each year for which the individual wishes to obtain the deduction.~~ **in which the property taxes are first due and payable.** The statement may be filed in person or by mail. If mailed, the mailing must be postmarked on or before the last day for filing.

(b) The statement referred to in subsection (a) shall be in affidavit form or require verification under penalties of perjury. The statement must be filed in duplicate if the applicant owns, or is buying under a contract, real property, a mobile home, or a manufactured home subject to assessment in more than one (1) county or in more than one (1) taxing district in the same county. The statement shall contain:

(1) the source and exact amount of gross income received by the individual and the individual's spouse during the preceding calendar year;

(2) the description and assessed value of the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home;

(3) the individual's full name and complete residence address;

(4) the record number and page where the contract or memorandum of the contract is recorded if the individual is buying the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home on contract; and

(5) any additional information which the department of local government finance may require.

(c) In order to substantiate the deduction statement, the applicant shall submit for inspection by the county auditor a copy of the applicant's and a copy of the applicant's spouse's income tax returns ~~for the preceding~~ **that were originally due in the** calendar year **immediately preceding the desired calendar year in which the property taxes are first due and payable and for which the applicant and the applicant's spouse desire to claim the deduction.** If either was not required to file an income tax return, the applicant shall subscribe to that fact in the deduction statement.

SECTION 20. IC 6-1.1-12-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.183-2014, SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 12. (a) Except as provided in section 17.8 of this chapter and subject to section 45 of this chapter, a person who desires to claim the deduction provided in section 11 of this chapter must file an application, on forms prescribed by the department of local government finance, with the auditor of the county in which the real property, mobile home not assessed as real property, or manufactured home not assessed as real property is located. ~~With respect to real property,~~ **To obtain the deduction for a desired calendar year in which property taxes are first due and payable,** the application must be completed and dated in the **immediately preceding** calendar year ~~for which the person wishes to obtain the deduction~~ and filed with the county auditor on or before January 5 of the ~~immediately succeeding~~ calendar year ~~With respect to a mobile home that is not assessed as real property or a manufactured home that is not assessed as real property, the application must be filed during the twelve (12) months before March 31 of each year for which the individual wishes to obtain the deduction.~~ **in which the property taxes are first due and payable.** The application may be filed in person or by mail. If mailed, the mailing must be postmarked on or before the last day for filing.

(b) Proof of blindness may be supported by:

(1) the records of the division of family resources or the division of disability and rehabilitative services; or

(2) the written statement of a physician who is licensed by this state and skilled in the diseases of the eye or of a licensed optometrist.

(c) The application required by this section must contain the record number and page where the contract or memorandum of the contract is recorded if the individual is buying the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home on a contract that provides that the individual is to pay property taxes on the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home.

SECTION 21. IC 6-1.1-12-15, AS AMENDED BY P.L.183-2014, SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 15. (a) Except as provided in section 17.8 of this chapter and subject to section 45 of this chapter, an individual who desires to claim the deduction provided by section 13 or 14 of this chapter must file a statement with the auditor of the county in which the individual resides. ~~With respect to real property,~~ **To obtain the deduction for a desired calendar year in which property taxes are first due and payable,** the statement must be completed and dated in the **immediately preceding** calendar year ~~for which the individual wishes to obtain the deduction~~ and filed with the county auditor on or before January 5 of the ~~immediately succeeding~~ calendar year ~~With respect to a mobile home that is not assessed as real property or a manufactured home that is not assessed as real property, the statement must be filed during the twelve (12) months before March 31 of each year for which the individual wishes to obtain the deduction.~~ **in which the property taxes are first due and payable.** The statement may be filed in person or by mail. If mailed, the mailing must be postmarked on or before the last day for filing. The statement shall contain a sworn declaration that the individual is entitled to the deduction.

(b) In addition to the statement, the individual shall submit to the county auditor for the auditor's inspection:

(1) a pension certificate, an award of compensation, or a disability compensation check issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs if the individual claims the deduction provided by section 13 of this chapter;

(2) a pension certificate or an award of compensation issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs if the individual claims the deduction provided by section 14 of this chapter; or

(3) the appropriate certificate of eligibility issued to the individual by the Indiana department of veterans' affairs if the individual claims the deduction provided by section 13 or 14 of this chapter.

(c) If the individual claiming the deduction is under guardianship, the guardian shall file the statement required by this section. If a deceased veteran's surviving spouse is claiming the deduction, the surviving spouse shall provide the documentation necessary to

establish that at the time of death the deceased veteran satisfied the requirements of section 13(a)(1) through 13(a)(4) of this chapter or section 14(a)(1) through 14(a)(4) of this chapter, whichever applies.

(d) If the individual claiming a deduction under section 13 or 14 of this chapter is buying real property, a mobile home not assessed as real property, or a manufactured home not assessed as real property under a contract that provides that the individual is to pay property taxes for the real estate, mobile home, or manufactured home, the statement required by this section must contain the record number and page where the contract or memorandum of the contract is recorded.

SECTION 22. IC 6-1.1-12-17, AS AMENDED BY P.L.183-2014, SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 17. Except as provided in section 17.8 of this chapter and subject to section 45 of this chapter, a surviving spouse who desires to claim the deduction provided by section 16 of this chapter must file a statement with the auditor of the county in which the surviving spouse resides. ~~With respect to real property,~~ **To obtain the deduction for a desired calendar year in which property taxes are first due and payable,** the statement must be completed and dated in the **immediately preceding** calendar year ~~for which the person wishes to obtain the deduction~~ and filed with the county auditor on or before January 5 of the ~~immediately succeeding~~ calendar year ~~With respect to a mobile home that is not assessed as real property or a manufactured home that is not assessed as real property, the statement must be filed during the twelve (12) months before March 31 of each year for which the individual wishes to obtain the deduction.~~ **in which the property taxes are first due and payable.** The statement may be filed in person or by mail. If mailed, the mailing must be postmarked on or before the last day for filing. The statement shall contain:

(1) a sworn statement that the surviving spouse is entitled to the deduction; and

(2) the record number and page where the contract or memorandum of the contract is recorded, if the individual is buying the real property on a contract that provides that the individual is to pay property taxes on the real property.

In addition to the statement, the surviving spouse shall submit to the county auditor for the auditor's inspection a letter or certificate from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs establishing the service of the deceased spouse in the military or naval forces of the United States before November 12, 1918.

SECTION 23. IC 6-1.1-12-17.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]. ~~Sec. 17.5. (a) Except as provided in section 17.8 of this~~

~~chapter and subject to section 45 of this chapter, a veteran who desires to claim the deduction provided in section 17.4 of this chapter (before its expiration) must file a sworn statement, on forms prescribed by the department of local government finance, with the auditor of the county in which the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home is assessed. With respect to real property, the veteran must complete and date the statement in the calendar year for which the veteran wishes to obtain the deduction and file the statement with the county auditor on or before January 5 of the immediately succeeding calendar year. With respect to a mobile home that is not assessed as real property or a manufactured home that is not assessed as real property, the statement must be filed during the twelve (12) months before March 31 of each year for which the individual wishes to obtain the deduction. The statement may be filed in person or by mail. If mailed, the mailing must be postmarked on or before the last day for filing.~~

~~(b) The statement required under this section shall be in affidavit form or require verification under penalties of perjury. The statement shall be filed in duplicate if the veteran has, or is buying under a contract, real property in more than one (1) county or in more than one (1) taxing district in the same county. The statement shall contain:~~

~~(1) a description and the assessed value of the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home;~~

~~(2) the veteran's full name and complete residence address;~~

~~(3) the record number and page where the contract or memorandum of the contract is recorded, if the individual is buying the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home on a contract that provides that the individual is to pay property taxes on the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home; and~~

~~(4) any additional information that the department of local government finance may require.~~

SECTION 24. IC 6-1.1-12-17.8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.255-2017, SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017 (RETROACTIVE)]: Sec. 17.8. (a) An individual who receives a deduction provided under section 1, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17.4 (before its expiration), or 37 of this chapter in a particular year and who remains eligible for the deduction in the following year is not required to file a statement to apply for the deduction in the following year. However, for purposes of a deduction under section 37 of this chapter, the county auditor may, in the county auditor's discretion, terminate the deduction for assessment dates after January 15, 2012, if the individual does not comply with the requirement in IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9) (expired January 1, 2015), as determined by the county auditor, before January

1, 2013. Before the county auditor terminates the deduction because the taxpayer claiming the deduction did not comply with the requirement in IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9) (expired January 1, 2015) before January 1, 2013, the county auditor shall mail notice of the proposed termination of the deduction to:

(1) the last known address of each person liable for any property taxes or special assessment, as shown on the tax duplicate or special assessment records; or

(2) the last known address of the most recent owner shown in the transfer book.

(b) An individual who receives a deduction provided under section 1, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, or 17.4 (before its expiration) of this chapter in a particular year and who becomes ineligible for the deduction in the following year shall notify the auditor of the county in which the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home for which the individual claims the deduction is located of the individual's ineligibility in the year in which the individual becomes ineligible. An individual who becomes ineligible for a deduction under section 37 of this chapter shall notify the county auditor of the county in which the property is located in conformity with section 37 of this chapter.

(c) The auditor of each county shall, in a particular year, apply a deduction provided under section 1, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17.4 (before its expiration), or 37 of this chapter to each individual who received the deduction in the preceding year unless the auditor determines that the individual is no longer eligible for the deduction.

(d) An individual who receives a deduction provided under section 1, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17.4 (before its expiration), or 37 of this chapter for property that is jointly held with another owner in a particular year and remains eligible for the deduction in the following year is not required to file a statement to reapply for the deduction following the removal of the joint owner if:

(1) the individual is the sole owner of the property following the death of the individual's spouse; or

(2) the individual is the sole owner of the property following the death of a joint owner who was not the individual's spouse.

~~If an unmarried individual who is receiving a deduction under section 37 of this chapter for a property subsequently marries, desires to continue claiming the deduction for the property, and remains eligible for the deduction, the individual must reapply for the deduction for the following assessment date. If a married individual who is receiving a deduction under section 37 of this chapter for a property with the individual's spouse subsequently divorces, desires to continue claiming~~

~~the deduction for the property, and remains eligible for the deduction, the individual must reapply for the deduction for the following assessment date. However, the individual's failure to reapply for the deduction does not make the individual's former spouse ineligible for a deduction under section 37 of this chapter. If a person who is receiving a deduction under section 9 of this chapter for a property subsequently comes to own the property with another person jointly or as a tenant in common, desires to continue claiming the deduction for the property, and remains eligible for the deduction, the person must reapply for the deduction for the following assessment date. If an unmarried individual who is receiving a credit under IC 6-1.1-20.6-8.5 for a property subsequently marries, desires to continue claiming the credit for the property, and remains eligible for the credit, the individual must reapply for the credit for the following assessment date.~~ **If a county auditor terminates a deduction under section 9 of this chapter, a deduction under section 37 of this chapter, or a credit under IC 6-1.1-20.6-8.5 after June 30, 2017, and before May 1, 2019, because the taxpayer claiming the deduction or credit did not comply with a requirement added to this subsection by P.L.255-2017 to reapply for the deduction or credit, the county auditor shall reinstate the deduction or credit if the taxpayer provides proof that the taxpayer is eligible for the deduction or credit and is not claiming the deduction or credit for any other property.**

(e) A trust entitled to a deduction under section 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17.4 (before its expiration), or 37 of this chapter for real property owned by the trust and occupied by an individual in accordance with section 17.9 of this chapter is not required to file a statement to apply for the deduction, if:

(1) the individual who occupies the real property receives a deduction provided under section 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17.4 (before its expiration), or 37 of this chapter in a particular year; and

(2) the trust remains eligible for the deduction in the following year.

However, for purposes of a deduction under section 37 of this chapter, the individuals that qualify the trust for a deduction must comply with the requirement in IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9) (expired January 1, 2015) before January 1, 2013.

(f) A cooperative housing corporation (as defined in 26 U.S.C. 216) that is entitled to a deduction under section 37 of this chapter in the immediately preceding calendar year for a homestead (as defined in section 37 of this chapter) is not required to file a statement to apply for

the deduction for the current calendar year if the cooperative housing corporation remains eligible for the deduction for the current calendar year. However, the county auditor may, in the county auditor's discretion, terminate the deduction for assessment dates after January 15, 2012, if the individual does not comply with the requirement in IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9) (expired January 1, 2015), as determined by the county auditor, before January 1, 2013. Before the county auditor terminates a deduction because the taxpayer claiming the deduction did not comply with the requirement in IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9) (expired January 1, 2015) before January 1, 2013, the county auditor shall mail notice of the proposed termination of the deduction to:

(1) the last known address of each person liable for any property taxes or special assessment, as shown on the tax duplicate or special assessment records; or

(2) the last known address of the most recent owner shown in the transfer book.

(g) An individual who:

(1) was eligible for a homestead credit under IC 6-1.1-20.9 (repealed) for property taxes imposed for the March 1, 2007, or January 15, 2008, assessment date; or

(2) would have been eligible for a homestead credit under IC 6-1.1-20.9 (repealed) for property taxes imposed for the March 1, 2008, or January 15, 2009, assessment date if IC 6-1.1-20.9 had not been repealed;

is not required to file a statement to apply for a deduction under section 37 of this chapter if the individual remains eligible for the deduction in the current year. An individual who filed for a homestead credit under IC 6-1.1-20.9 (repealed) for an assessment date after March 1, 2007 (if the property is real property), or after January 1, 2008 (if the property is personal property), shall be treated as an individual who has filed for a deduction under section 37 of this chapter. However, the county auditor may, in the county auditor's discretion, terminate the deduction for assessment dates after January 15, 2012, if the individual does not comply with the requirement in IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9) (expired January 1, 2015), as determined by the county auditor, before January 1, 2013. Before the county auditor terminates the deduction because the taxpayer claiming the deduction did not comply with the requirement in IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9) (expired January 1, 2015) before January 1, 2013, the county auditor shall mail notice of the proposed termination of the deduction to the last known address of each person liable for any property taxes or special assessment, as shown on the tax duplicate or special assessment records, or to the last known address of the most

recent owner shown in the transfer book.

(h) If a county auditor terminates a deduction because the taxpayer claiming the deduction did not comply with the requirement in IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9) (expired January 1, 2015) before January 1, 2013, the county auditor shall reinstate the deduction if the taxpayer provides proof that the taxpayer is eligible for the deduction and is not claiming the deduction for any other property.

(i) A taxpayer described in section 37(k) of this chapter is not required to file a statement to apply for the deduction provided by section 37 of this chapter for a calendar year beginning after December 31, 2008, if the property owned by the taxpayer remains eligible for the deduction for that calendar year. However, the county auditor may terminate the deduction for assessment dates after January 15, 2012, if the individual residing on the property owned by the taxpayer does not comply with the requirement in IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9) (expired January 1, 2015), as determined by the county auditor, before January 1, 2013. Before the county auditor terminates a deduction because the individual residing on the property did not comply with the requirement in IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9) (expired January 1, 2015) before January 1, 2013, the county auditor shall mail notice of the proposed termination of the deduction to:

(1) the last known address of each person liable for any property taxes or special assessment, as shown on the tax duplicate or special assessment records; or

(2) the last known address of the most recent owner shown in the transfer book.

SECTION 25. IC 6-1.1-12-27.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.183-2014, SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 27.1. Except as provided in sections 36 and 44 of this chapter and subject to section 45 of this chapter, a person who desires to claim the deduction provided by section 26 or 26.1 of this chapter must file a certified statement in duplicate, on forms prescribed by the department of local government finance, with the auditor of the county in which the real property, mobile home, manufactured home, or solar power device is subject to assessment. ~~With respect to real property or a solar power device that is assessed as distributable property under IC 6-1.1-8 or as personal property,~~ **To obtain the deduction for a desired calendar year in which property taxes are first due and payable,** the person must complete and date the certified statement in the **immediately preceding** calendar year ~~for which the person wishes to obtain the deduction~~ and file the certified statement with the county auditor on or before January 5 of the ~~immediately~~

~~succeeding~~ calendar year ~~Except as provided in sections 36 and 44 of this chapter and subject to section 45 of this chapter, with respect to a mobile home which is not assessed as real property, the person must file the statement during the twelve (12) months before March 31 of each year for which the person desires to obtain the deduction.~~ **in which the property taxes are first due and payable.** The person must:

(1) own the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home or own the solar power device;

(2) be buying the real property, mobile home, manufactured home, or solar power device under contract; or

(3) be leasing the real property from the real property owner and be subject to assessment and property taxation with respect to the solar power device;

on the date the statement is filed under this section. The statement may be filed in person or by mail. If mailed, the mailing must be postmarked on or before the last day for filing. On verification of the statement by the assessor of the township in which the real property, mobile home, manufactured home, or solar power device is subject to assessment, or the county assessor if there is no township assessor for the township, the county auditor shall allow the deduction.

SECTION 26. IC 6-1.1-12-30, AS AMENDED BY P.L.183-2014, SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 30. Except as provided in sections 36 and 44 of this chapter and subject to section 45 of this chapter, a person who desires to claim the deduction provided by section 29 of this chapter must file a certified statement in duplicate, on forms prescribed by the department of local government finance, with the auditor of the county in which the real property or mobile home is subject to assessment. ~~With respect to real property,~~ **To obtain the deduction for a desired calendar year in which property taxes are first due and payable,** the person must complete and date the statement in the **immediately preceding** calendar year ~~for which the person desires to obtain the deduction~~ and file the statement with the county auditor on or before January 5 of the ~~immediately succeeding~~ calendar year ~~With respect to a mobile home which is not assessed as real property, the person must file the statement during the twelve (12) months before March 31 of each year for which the person desires to obtain the deduction.~~ **in which the property taxes are first due and payable.** The person must:

(1) own the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home; or

(2) be buying the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home under contract;

on the date the statement is filed under this section. On verification of the statement by the assessor of the township in which the real property or mobile home is subject to assessment, or the county assessor if there is no township assessor for the township, the county auditor shall allow the deduction.

SECTION 27. IC 6-1.1-12-35.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.183-2014, SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020]: Sec. 35.5. (a) Except as provided in section 36 or 44 of this chapter and subject to section 45 of this chapter, a person who desires to claim the deduction provided by section ~~31,~~ 33 **or** 34 ~~or 34.5~~ of this chapter must file a certified statement in duplicate, on forms prescribed by the department of local government finance and proof of certification under subsection (b) ~~or (f)~~ with the auditor of the county in which the property for which the deduction is claimed is subject to assessment. ~~Except as provided in subsection (c), with respect to property that is not assessed under IC 6-1.1-7,~~ **To obtain the deduction for a desired calendar year in which property taxes are first due and payable,** the person must complete and date the certified statement in the **immediately preceding** calendar year ~~for which the person wishes to obtain the deduction~~ and file the certified statement with the county auditor on or before January 5 of the ~~immediately succeeding~~ calendar year ~~With respect to a property which is assessed under IC 6-1.1-7, the person must file the statement during the twelve (12) months before March 31 of each year for which the person desires to obtain the deduction.~~ **in which the property taxes are first due and payable.** The statement may be filed in person or by mail. If mailed, the mailing must be postmarked on or before the last day for filing. On verification of the statement by the assessor of the township in which the property for which the deduction is claimed is subject to assessment, or the county assessor if there is no township assessor for the township, the county auditor shall allow the deduction.

(b) ~~This subsection does not apply to an application for a deduction under section 34.5 of this chapter.~~ The department of environmental management, upon application by a property owner, shall determine whether a system or device qualifies for a deduction provided by section ~~31,~~ 33 or 34 of this chapter. If the department determines that a system or device qualifies for a deduction, it shall certify the system or device and provide proof of the certification to the property owner. The department shall prescribe the form and manner of the certification process required by this subsection.

(c) ~~This subsection does not apply to an application for a deduction under section 34.5 of this chapter.~~ If the department of environmental management receives an application for certification, the department shall determine whether the system or device qualifies for a deduction. If the department fails to make a determination under this subsection before December 31 of the year in which the application is received, the system or device is considered certified.

(d) A denial of a deduction claimed under section ~~31,~~ 33 **or** 34 ~~or 34.5~~ of this chapter may be appealed as provided in IC 6-1.1-15. The appeal is limited to a review of a determination made by the township assessor county property tax assessment board of appeals, or department of local government finance.

~~(e) A person who timely files a personal property return under IC 6-1.1-3-7(a) for an assessment year and who desires to claim the deduction provided in section 31 of this chapter for property that is not assessed under IC 6-1.1-7 must file the statement described in subsection (a) during the year in which the personal property return is filed.~~

~~(f) This subsection applies only to an application for a deduction under section 34.5 of this chapter. The center for coal technology research established by IC 21-47-4-1, upon receiving an application from the owner of a building, shall determine whether the building qualifies for a deduction under section 34.5 of this chapter. If the center determines that a building qualifies for a deduction, the center shall certify the building and provide proof of the certification to the owner of the building. The center shall prescribe the form and procedure for certification of buildings under this subsection. If the center receives an application for certification of a building under section 34.5 of this chapter:~~

~~(1) the center shall determine whether the building qualifies for a deduction; and~~

~~(2) if the center fails to make a determination before December 31 of the year in which the application is received, the building is considered certified.~~

SECTION 28. IC 6-1.1-12-37, AS AMENDED BY P.L.255-2017, SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 37. (a) The following definitions apply throughout this section:

(1) "Dwelling" means any of the following:

(A) Residential real property improvements that an individual uses as the individual's residence, including a house or garage.

(B) A mobile home that is not assessed as real property that an

individual uses as the individual's residence.

(C) A manufactured home that is not assessed as real property that an individual uses as the individual's residence.

(2) "Homestead" means an individual's principal place of residence:

(A) that is located in Indiana;

(B) that:

(i) the individual owns;

(ii) the individual is buying under a contract recorded in the county recorder's office, or evidenced by a memorandum of contract recorded in the county recorder's office under IC 36-2-11-20, that provides that the individual is to pay the property taxes on the residence, and that obligates the owner to convey title to the individual upon completion of all of the individual's contract obligations;

(iii) the individual is entitled to occupy as a tenant-stockholder (as defined in 26 U.S.C. 216) of a cooperative housing corporation (as defined in 26 U.S.C. 216); or

(iv) is a residence described in section 17.9 of this chapter that is owned by a trust if the individual is an individual described in section 17.9 of this chapter; and

(C) that consists of a dwelling and the real estate, not exceeding one (1) acre, that immediately surrounds that dwelling.

Except as provided in subsection (k), the term does not include property owned by a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or other entity not described in this subdivision.

(b) Each year a homestead is eligible for a standard deduction from the assessed value of the homestead for an assessment date. Except as provided in subsection (p), the deduction provided by this section applies to property taxes first due and payable for an assessment date only if an individual has an interest in the homestead described in subsection (a)(2)(B) on:

(1) the assessment date; or

(2) any date in the same year after an assessment date that a statement is filed under subsection (e) or section 44 of this chapter, if the property consists of real property.

If more than one (1) individual or entity qualifies property as a homestead under subsection (a)(2)(B) for an assessment date, only one (1) standard deduction from the assessed value of the homestead may be applied for the assessment date. Subject to subsection (c), the

auditor of the county shall record and make the deduction for the individual or entity qualifying for the deduction.

(c) Except as provided in section 40.5 of this chapter, the total amount of the deduction that a person may receive under this section for a particular year is the lesser of:

(1) sixty percent (60%) of the assessed value of the real property, mobile home not assessed as real property, or manufactured home not assessed as real property; or

(2) forty-five thousand dollars ($45,000).

(d) A person who has sold real property, a mobile home not assessed as real property, or a manufactured home not assessed as real property to another person under a contract that provides that the contract buyer is to pay the property taxes on the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home may not claim the deduction provided under this section with respect to that real property, mobile home, or manufactured home.

(e) Except as provided in sections 17.8 and 44 of this chapter and subject to section 45 of this chapter, an individual who desires to claim the deduction provided by this section must file a certified statement on forms prescribed by the department of local government finance, with the auditor of the county in which the homestead is located. The statement must include:

(1) the parcel number or key number of the property and the name of the city, town, or township in which the property is located;

(2) the name of any other location in which the applicant or the applicant's spouse owns, is buying, or has a beneficial interest in residential real property;

(3) the names of:

(A) the applicant and the applicant's spouse (if any):

(i) as the names appear in the records of the United States Social Security Administration for the purposes of the issuance of a Social Security card and Social Security number; or

(ii) that they use as their legal names when they sign their names on legal documents;

if the applicant is an individual; or

(B) each individual who qualifies property as a homestead under subsection (a)(2)(B) and the individual's spouse (if any):

(i) as the names appear in the records of the United States Social Security Administration for the purposes of the issuance of a Social Security card and Social Security number; or

(ii) that they use as their legal names when they sign their names on legal documents;

if the applicant is not an individual; and

(4) either:

(A) the last five (5) digits of the applicant's Social Security number and the last five (5) digits of the Social Security number of the applicant's spouse (if any); or

(B) if the applicant or the applicant's spouse (if any) does not have a Social Security number, any of the following for that individual:

(i) The last five (5) digits of the individual's driver's license number.

(ii) The last five (5) digits of the individual's state identification card number.

(iii) The last five (5) digits of a preparer tax identification number that is obtained by the individual through the Internal Revenue Service of the United States.

(iv) If the individual does not have a driver's license, a state identification card, or an Internal Revenue Service preparer tax identification number, the last five (5) digits of a control number that is on a document issued to the individual by the United States government.

If a form or statement provided to the county auditor under this section, IC 6-1.1-22-8.1, or IC 6-1.1-22.5-12 includes the telephone number or part or all of the Social Security number of a party or other number described in subdivision (4)(B) of a party, the telephone number and the Social Security number or other number described in subdivision (4)(B) included are confidential. The statement may be filed in person or by mail. If the statement is mailed, the mailing must be postmarked on or before the last day for filing. The statement applies for that first year and any succeeding year for which the deduction is allowed. ~~With respect to real property,~~ **To obtain the deduction for a desired calendar year in which property taxes are first due and payable,** the statement must be completed and dated in the **immediately preceding** calendar year ~~for which the person desires to obtain the deduction~~ and filed with the county auditor on or before January 5 of the ~~immediately succeeding~~ calendar year ~~With respect to a mobile home that is not assessed as real property, the person must file the statement during the twelve (12) months before March 31 of the year for which the person desires to obtain the deduction.~~ **in which the property taxes are first due and payable.**

(f) Except as provided in subsection (n), if a person who is

receiving, or seeks to receive, the deduction provided by this section in the person's name:

(1) changes the use of the individual's property so that part or all of the property no longer qualifies for the deduction under this section; or

(2) is not eligible for a deduction under this section because the person is already receiving:

(A) a deduction under this section in the person's name as an individual or a spouse; or

(B) a deduction under the law of another state that is equivalent to the deduction provided by this section;

the person must file a certified statement with the auditor of the county, notifying the auditor of the person's ineligibility, not more than sixty (60) days after the date of the change in eligibility. A person who fails to file the statement required by this subsection may, under IC 6-1.1-36-17, be liable for any additional taxes that would have been due on the property if the person had filed the statement as required by this subsection plus a civil penalty equal to ten percent (10%) of the additional taxes due. The civil penalty imposed under this subsection is in addition to any interest and penalties for a delinquent payment that might otherwise be due. One percent (1%) of the total civil penalty collected under this subsection shall be transferred by the county to the department of local government finance for use by the department in establishing and maintaining the homestead property data base under subsection (i) and, to the extent there is money remaining, for any other purposes of the department. This amount becomes part of the property tax liability for purposes of this article.

(g) The department of local government finance may adopt rules or guidelines concerning the application for a deduction under this section.

(h) This subsection does not apply to property in the first year for which a deduction is claimed under this section if the sole reason that a deduction is claimed on other property is that the individual or married couple maintained a principal residence at the other property on the assessment date in the same year in which an application for a deduction is filed under this section or, if the application is for a homestead that is assessed as personal property, on the assessment date in the immediately preceding year and the individual or married couple is moving the individual's or married couple's principal residence to the property that is the subject of the application. Except as provided in subsection (n), the county auditor may not grant an individual or a married couple a deduction under this section if:

(1) the individual or married couple, for the same year, claims the deduction on two (2) or more different applications for the deduction; and

(2) the applications claim the deduction for different property.

(i) The department of local government finance shall provide secure access to county auditors to a homestead property data base that includes access to the homestead owner's name and the numbers required from the homestead owner under subsection (e)(4) for the sole purpose of verifying whether an owner is wrongly claiming a deduction under this chapter or a credit under IC 6-1.1-20.4, IC 6-1.1-20.6, or IC 6-3.6-5 (after December 31, 2016). **Each county auditor shall submit data on deductions applicable to the current tax year on or before March 15 of each year in a manner prescribed by the department of local government finance.**

(j) A county auditor may require an individual to provide evidence proving that the individual's residence is the individual's principal place of residence as claimed in the certified statement filed under subsection (e). The county auditor may limit the evidence that an individual is required to submit to a state income tax return, a valid driver's license, or a valid voter registration card showing that the residence for which the deduction is claimed is the individual's principal place of residence. The department of local government finance shall work with county auditors to develop procedures to determine whether a property owner that is claiming a standard deduction or homestead credit is not eligible for the standard deduction or homestead credit because the property owner's principal place of residence is outside Indiana.

(k) As used in this section, "homestead" includes property that satisfies each of the following requirements:

(1) The property is located in Indiana and consists of a dwelling and the real estate, not exceeding one (1) acre, that immediately surrounds that dwelling.

(2) The property is the principal place of residence of an individual.

(3) The property is owned by an entity that is not described in subsection (a)(2)(B).

(4) The individual residing on the property is a shareholder, partner, or member of the entity that owns the property.

(5) The property was eligible for the standard deduction under this section on March 1, 2009.

(l) If a county auditor terminates a deduction for property described in subsection (k) with respect to property taxes that are:

(1) imposed for an assessment date in 2009; and

(2) first due and payable in 2010;

on the grounds that the property is not owned by an entity described in subsection (a)(2)(B), the county auditor shall reinstate the deduction if the taxpayer provides proof that the property is eligible for the deduction in accordance with subsection (k) and that the individual residing on the property is not claiming the deduction for any other property.

(m) For assessment dates after 2009, the term "homestead" includes:

(1) a deck or patio;

(2) a gazebo; or

(3) another residential yard structure, as defined in rules adopted by the department of local government finance (other than a swimming pool);

that is assessed as real property and attached to the dwelling.

(n) A county auditor shall grant an individual a deduction under this section regardless of whether the individual and the individual's spouse claim a deduction on two (2) different applications and each application claims a deduction for different property if the property owned by the individual's spouse is located outside Indiana and the individual files an affidavit with the county auditor containing the following information:

(1) The names of the county and state in which the individual's spouse claims a deduction substantially similar to the deduction allowed by this section.

(2) A statement made under penalty of perjury that the following are true:

(A) That the individual and the individual's spouse maintain separate principal places of residence.

(B) That neither the individual nor the individual's spouse has an ownership interest in the other's principal place of residence.

(C) That neither the individual nor the individual's spouse has, for that same year, claimed a standard or substantially similar deduction for any property other than the property maintained as a principal place of residence by the respective individuals.

A county auditor may require an individual or an individual's spouse to provide evidence of the accuracy of the information contained in an affidavit submitted under this subsection. The evidence required of the individual or the individual's spouse may include state income tax returns, excise tax payment information, property tax payment information, driver license information, and voter registration information.

(o) If:

(1) a property owner files a statement under subsection (e) to claim the deduction provided by this section for a particular property; and

(2) the county auditor receiving the filed statement determines that the property owner's property is not eligible for the deduction;

the county auditor shall inform the property owner of the county auditor's determination in writing. If a property owner's property is not eligible for the deduction because the county auditor has determined that the property is not the property owner's principal place of residence, the property owner may appeal the county auditor's determination to the county property tax assessment board of appeals as provided in IC 6-1.1-15. The county auditor shall inform the property owner of the owner's right to appeal to the county property tax assessment board of appeals when the county auditor informs the property owner of the county auditor's determination under this subsection.

(p) An individual is entitled to the deduction under this section for a homestead for a particular assessment date if:

(1) either:

(A) the individual's interest in the homestead as described in subsection (a)(2)(B) is conveyed to the individual after the assessment date, but within the calendar year in which the assessment date occurs; or

(B) the individual contracts to purchase the homestead after the assessment date, but within the calendar year in which the assessment date occurs;

(2) on the assessment date:

(A) the property on which the homestead is currently located was vacant land; or

(B) the construction of the dwelling that constitutes the homestead was not completed; and

(3) either:

(A) the individual files the certified statement required by subsection (e); or

(B) a sales disclosure form that meets the requirements of section 44 of this chapter is submitted to the county assessor on or before December 31 of the calendar year for the individual's purchase of the homestead.

An individual who satisfies the requirements of subdivisions (1) through (3) is entitled to the deduction under this section for the homestead for the assessment date, even if on the assessment date the

property on which the homestead is currently located was vacant land or the construction of the dwelling that constitutes the homestead was not completed. The county auditor shall apply the deduction for the assessment date and for the assessment date in any later year in which the homestead remains eligible for the deduction. A homestead that qualifies for the deduction under this section as provided in this subsection is considered a homestead for purposes of section 37.5 of this chapter and IC 6-1.1-20.6.

(q) This subsection applies to an application for the deduction provided by this section that is filed for an assessment date occurring after December 31, 2013. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, an individual buying a mobile home that is not assessed as real property or a manufactured home that is not assessed as real property under a contract providing that the individual is to pay the property taxes on the mobile home or manufactured home is not entitled to the deduction provided by this section unless the parties to the contract comply with IC 9-17-6-17.

(r) This subsection:

(1) applies to an application for the deduction provided by this section that is filed for an assessment date occurring after December 31, 2013; and

(2) does not apply to an individual described in subsection (q).

The owner of a mobile home that is not assessed as real property or a manufactured home that is not assessed as real property must attach a copy of the owner's title to the mobile home or manufactured home to the application for the deduction provided by this section.

(s) For assessment dates after 2013, the term "homestead" includes property that is owned by an individual who:

(1) is serving on active duty in any branch of the armed forces of the United States;

(2) was ordered to transfer to a location outside Indiana; and

(3) was otherwise eligible, without regard to this subsection, for the deduction under this section for the property for the assessment date immediately preceding the transfer date specified in the order described in subdivision (2).

For property to qualify under this subsection for the deduction provided by this section, the individual described in subdivisions (1) through (3) must submit to the county auditor a copy of the individual's transfer orders or other information sufficient to show that the individual was ordered to transfer to a location outside Indiana. The property continues to qualify for the deduction provided by this section until the individual ceases to be on active duty, the property is sold, or the individual's

ownership interest is otherwise terminated, whichever occurs first. Notwithstanding subsection (a)(2), the property remains a homestead regardless of whether the property continues to be the individual's principal place of residence after the individual transfers to a location outside Indiana. The property continues to qualify as a homestead under this subsection if the property is leased while the individual is away from Indiana and is serving on active duty, if the individual has lived at the property at any time during the past ten (10) years. Otherwise, the property ceases to qualify as a homestead under this subsection if the property is leased while the individual is away from Indiana. Property that qualifies as a homestead under this subsection shall also be construed as a homestead for purposes of section 37.5 of this chapter.

SECTION 29. IC 6-1.1-12-45, AS AMENDED BY P.L.255-2017, SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 45. (a) Subject to subsections (b) and (c), a deduction under this chapter applies for an assessment date and for the property taxes due and payable based on the assessment for that assessment date, regardless of whether with respect to the real property or mobile home or manufactured home not assessed as real property:

(1) the title is conveyed one (1) or more times; or

(2) one (1) or more contracts to purchase are entered into;

after that assessment date and on or before the next succeeding assessment date.

(b) Subsection (a) applies regardless of whether:

(1) one (1) or more grantees of title under subsection (a)(1); or

(2) one (1) or more contract purchasers under subsection (a)(2);

file a statement under this chapter to claim the deduction.

(c) A deduction applies under subsection (a) for only one (1) year. The requirements of this chapter for filing a statement to apply for a deduction under this chapter apply to subsequent years. A person who fails to apply for a deduction or credit under this article by the deadlines prescribed by this article may not apply for the deduction or credit retroactively.

(d) If:

(1) a taxpayer wishes to claim a deduction under this chapter for a desired calendar year in which property taxes are first due and payable;

~~(1)~~ **(2) the taxpayer files** a statement ~~is filed~~ under this chapter on or before January 5 of ~~a~~ **the** calendar year ~~to claim a deduction under this chapter with respect to real property;~~ **in which the property taxes are first due and payable;** and

~~(2)~~ **(3)** the eligibility criteria for the deduction are met;

the deduction applies ~~for the assessment date in the preceding calendar year and~~ for the **desired calendar year in which the** property taxes **are first** due and payable. ~~based on the assessment for that assessment date.~~

~~(c) If:~~

~~(1) a statement is filed under this chapter in a twelve (12) month filing period designated under this chapter to claim a deduction under this chapter with respect to a mobile home or a manufactured home not assessed as real property; and~~

~~(2) the eligibility criteria for the deduction are met;~~

~~the deduction applies for the assessment date in that twelve (12) month period and for the property taxes due and payable based on the assessment for that assessment date.~~

~~(f)~~ **(e)** If a person who is receiving a deduction under section 1 of this chapter subsequently refinances the property, desires to continue claiming the deduction, and remains eligible for the deduction, the person must reapply for the deduction for the following assessment date.

~~(g)~~ **(f)** A person who is required to record a contract with a county recorder in order to qualify for a deduction under this article must record the contract, or a memorandum of the contract, before, or concurrently with, the filing of the corresponding deduction application.

~~(h)~~ **(g)** Before a county auditor terminates a deduction under this article, the county auditor shall give to the person claiming the deduction written notice that states the county auditor's intention to terminate the deduction and the county auditor's reason for terminating the deduction. The county auditor may send the notice to the taxpayer claiming the deduction by first class mail or by electronic mail. A notice issued under this subsection is not appealable under IC 6-1.1-15. However, after a deduction is terminated by a county auditor, the taxpayer may appeal the county auditor's action under IC 6-1.1-15.

SECTION 30. IC 6-1.1-15-1.1, AS ADDED BY P.L.232-2017, SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 1.1. (a) A taxpayer may appeal an assessment of a taxpayer's tangible property by filing a notice in writing with the township assessor, or the county assessor if the township is not served by a township assessor. Except as provided in subsection (e), an appeal under this section may raise any claim of an error related to the following:

(1) The assessed value of the property.

(2) The assessment was against the wrong person.

(3) The approval, denial, or omission of a deduction, credit, exemption, abatement, or tax cap.

(4) A clerical, mathematical, or typographical mistake.

(5) The description of the real property.

(6) The legality or constitutionality of a property tax or assessment.

A written notice under this section must be made on a form designated by the department of local government finance. A taxpayer must file a separate petition for each parcel.

(b) A taxpayer may appeal an error in the assessed value of the property under subsection (a)(1) any time after the official's action, but not later than the following:

(1) For assessments before January 1, 2019, the earlier of:

(A) forty-five (45) days after the date on which the notice of assessment is mailed by the county; or

(B) forty-five (45) days after the date on which the tax statement is mailed by the county treasurer, regardless of whether the assessing official changes the taxpayer's assessment.

(2) For assessments **of real property** after December 31, 2018, the earlier of:

(A) June 15 of the assessment year, if the notice of assessment is mailed by the county before May 1 of the assessment year; or

(B) June 15 of the year in which the tax statement is mailed by the county treasurer, if the notice of assessment is mailed by the county on or after May 1 of the assessment year.

(3) For assessments of personal property, forty-five (45) days after the date on which the county mails the notice under IC 6-1.1-3-20.

A taxpayer may appeal an error in the assessment under subsection (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(4), (a)(5), or (a)(6) not later than three (3) years after the taxes were first due.

(c) Except as provided in subsection (d), an appeal under this section applies only to the tax year corresponding to the tax statement or other notice of action.

(d) An appeal under this section applies to a prior tax year if a county official took action regarding a prior tax year, and such action is reflected for the first time in the tax statement. A taxpayer who has timely filed a written notice of appeal under this section may be required to file a petition for each tax year, and each petition filed later

must be considered timely.

(e) A taxpayer may not appeal under this section any claim of error related to the following:

(1) The denial of a deduction, exemption, abatement, or credit if the authority to approve or deny is not vested in the county board, county auditor, county assessor, or township assessor.

(2) The calculation of interest and penalties.

(3) A matter under subsection (a) if a separate appeal or review process is statutorily prescribed.

However, a claim may be raised under this section regarding the omission or application of a deduction approved by an authority other than the county board, county auditor, county assessor, or township assessor under subdivision (2).

(f) The filing of a written notice under this section constitutes a request by the taxpayer for a preliminary informal meeting with the township assessor, or the county assessor if the township is not served by a township assessor.

(g) A county or township official who receives a written notice under this section shall forward the notice to the county board.

SECTION 31. IC 6-1.1-15-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.86-2018, SECTION 47, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 4. (a) After receiving a petition for review which is filed under section 3 of this chapter, the Indiana board shall conduct a hearing at its earliest opportunity. The Indiana board may correct any errors that may have been made and adjust the assessment or exemption in accordance with the correction.

(b) If the Indiana board conducts a site inspection of the property as part of its review of the petition, the Indiana board shall give notice to all parties of the date and time of the site inspection. The Indiana board is not required to assess the property in question. The Indiana board shall give notice of the date fixed for the hearing, by mail, to the taxpayer and to the county assessor. The Indiana board shall give these notices at least thirty (30) days before the day fixed for the hearing unless the parties agree to a shorter period. With respect to a petition for review filed by a county assessor, the county board that made the determination under review under this section may file an amicus curiae brief in the review proceeding under this section. The expenses incurred by the county board in filing the amicus curiae brief shall be paid from the property reassessment fund under IC 6-1.1-4-27.5 of the county in which the property is located. The executive of a taxing unit may file an amicus curiae brief in the review proceeding under this section if the property whose assessment or exemption is under appeal

is subject to assessment by that taxing unit.

(c) If a petition for review does not comply with the Indiana board's instructions for completing the form prescribed under section 3 of this chapter, the Indiana board shall return the petition to the petitioner and include a notice describing the defect in the petition. The petitioner then has thirty (30) days from the date on the notice to cure the defect and file a corrected petition. The Indiana board shall deny a corrected petition for review if it does not substantially comply with the Indiana board's instructions for completing the form prescribed under section 3 of this chapter.

(d) After the hearing, the Indiana board shall give the taxpayer, the county assessor, and any entity that filed an amicus curiae brief:

(1) notice, by mail, of its final determination; and

(2) for parties entitled to appeal the final determination, notice of the procedures they must follow in order to obtain court review under section 5 of this chapter.

(e) ~~Except as provided in subsection (f),~~ The Indiana board shall conduct a hearing not later than ~~nine (9) months~~ **one (1) year** after a petition in proper form is filed with the Indiana board. ~~excluding any time due to a delay reasonably caused by the petitioner.~~

~~(f) With respect to an appeal of a real property assessment that takes effect on the assessment date on which a reassessment of real property takes effect under IC 6-1.1-4-4.2, the Indiana board shall conduct a hearing not later than one (1) year after a petition in proper form is filed with the Indiana board, excluding any time due to a delay reasonably caused by the petitioner.~~

~~(g)~~ **(f)** ~~Except as provided in subsection (h),~~ The Indiana board shall ~~make~~ **issue** a determination not later than the later of:

(1) ninety (90) days after the hearing; or

(2) the date set in an extension order issued by the Indiana board.

The board may not extend the date by more than one hundred eighty (180) days.

~~(h) With respect to an appeal of a real property assessment that takes effect on the assessment date on which a reassessment of real property takes effect under IC 6-1.1-4-4.2, the Indiana board shall make a determination not later than the later of:~~

~~(1) one hundred eighty (180) days after the hearing; or~~

~~(2) the date set in an extension order issued by the Indiana board.~~

(g) The time periods described in subsections (e) and (f) do not include any period of time that is attributable to a party's:

(1) request for a continuance, stay, extension, or summary disposition;

(2) consent to a case management order, stipulated record, or proposed hearing date;

(3) failure to comply with the board's orders or rules; or

(4) waiver of a deadline.

~~(i)~~ **(h)** ~~The Indiana board may not extend the final determination date under subsection (g) or (h) by more than one hundred eighty (180) days.~~ If the Indiana board fails to ~~make a final determination~~ **take action required under subsection (e) or (f),** ~~within the time allowed by this section,~~ the entity that initiated the petition may:

(1) take no action and wait for the Indiana board to ~~make~~ **hear the matter and issue** a final determination; or

(2) petition for judicial review under section 5 of this chapter.

(i) This subsection applies when the board has not held a hearing. A person may not seek judicial review under subsection (h)(2) until the person:

(1) requests a hearing in writing; and

(2) sixty (60) days have passed after the person requests a hearing under subdivision (1) and the matter has not been heard or otherwise extended under subsection (g).

(j) A final determination must include separately stated findings of fact for all aspects of the determination. Findings of ultimate fact must be accompanied by a concise statement of the underlying basic facts of record to support the findings. Findings must be based exclusively upon the evidence on the record in the proceeding and on matters officially noticed in the proceeding. Findings must be based upon a preponderance of the evidence.

(k) The Indiana board may limit the scope of the appeal to the issues raised in the petition and the evaluation of the evidence presented to the county board in support of those issues only if all parties participating in the hearing required under subsection (a) agree to the limitation. A party participating in the hearing required under subsection (a) is entitled to introduce evidence that is otherwise proper and admissible without regard to whether that evidence has previously been introduced at a hearing before the county board.

(l) The Indiana board may require the parties to the appeal:

(1) to file not more than five (5) business days before the date of the hearing required under subsection (a) documentary evidence or summaries of statements of testimonial evidence; and

(2) to file not more than fifteen (15) business days before the date of the hearing required under subsection (a) lists of witnesses and exhibits to be introduced at the hearing.

(m) A party to a proceeding before the Indiana board shall provide

to all other parties to the proceeding the information described in subsection (l) if the other party requests the information in writing at least ten (10) days before the deadline for filing of the information under subsection (l).

(n) The Indiana board may base its final determination on a stipulation between the respondent and the petitioner. If the final determination is based on a stipulated assessed valuation of tangible property, the Indiana board may order the placement of a notation on the permanent assessment record of the tangible property that the assessed valuation was determined by stipulation. The Indiana board may:

(1) order that a final determination under this subsection has no precedential value; or

(2) specify a limited precedential value of a final determination under this subsection.

(o) If a party to a proceeding, or a party's authorized representative, elects to receive any notice under this section by electronic mail, the notice is considered effective in the same manner as if the notice had been sent by United States mail, with postage prepaid, to the party's or representative's mailing address of record.

(p) At a hearing under this section, the Indiana board shall admit into evidence an appraisal report, prepared by an appraiser, unless the appraisal report is ruled inadmissible on grounds besides a hearsay objection. This exception to the hearsay rule shall not be construed to limit the discretion of the Indiana board, as trier of fact, to review the probative value of an appraisal report.

SECTION 32. IC 6-1.1-15-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.219-2007, SECTION 41, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 5. (a) Not later than fifteen (15) days after the Indiana board gives notice of its final determination under section 4 of this chapter to the party or the maximum allowable time for the issuance of a final determination by the Indiana board under section 4 of this chapter expires, a party to the proceeding may request a rehearing before the Indiana board. The Indiana board may conduct a rehearing and affirm or modify its final determination, giving the same notices after the rehearing as are required by section 4 of this chapter. The Indiana board has fifteen (15) days after receiving a petition for a rehearing to determine whether to grant a rehearing. Failure to grant a rehearing not later than fifteen (15) days after receiving the petition shall be treated as a final determination to deny the petition. A petition for a rehearing does not toll the time in which to file a petition for judicial review unless the petition for rehearing is granted. If the

Indiana board determines to rehear a final determination, the Indiana board:

(1) may conduct the additional hearings that the Indiana board determines necessary or review the written record without additional hearings; and

(2) shall issue a final determination not later than ninety (90) days after notifying the parties that the Indiana board will rehear the final determination.

If the Indiana board fails to make a final determination within the time allowed under subdivision (2), the entity that initiated the petition for rehearing may take no action and wait for the Indiana board to make a final determination or petition for judicial review under subsection (g).

(b) A party may petition for judicial review of the final determination of the Indiana board regarding the assessment or exemption of tangible property. In order to obtain judicial review under this section, a party must:

(1) file a petition with the Indiana tax court;

(2) serve a copy of the petition on:

(A) the county assessor;

(B) the attorney general; and

(C) any entity that filed an amicus curiae brief with the Indiana board; and

(3) file a written notice of appeal with the Indiana board informing the Indiana board of the party's intent to obtain judicial review.

Petitions for judicial review may be consolidated at the request of the appellants if it can be done in the interest of justice. The department of local government finance may intervene in an action taken under this subsection if the interpretation of a rule of the department is at issue in the action. The county assessor is a party to the review under this section.

(c) Except as provided in subsection (g), to initiate a proceeding for judicial review under this section, a party must take the action required by subsection (b) not later than:

(1) forty-five (45) days after the Indiana board gives the person notice of its final determination, unless a rehearing is conducted under subsection (a); or

(2) forty-five (45) days after the Indiana board gives the person notice under subsection (a) of its final determination, if a rehearing is conducted under subsection (a) or the maximum time elapses for the Indiana board to make a determination under this section.

(d) The failure of the Indiana board to conduct a hearing within the period prescribed in section 4(e) ~~or 4(f)~~ of this chapter does not constitute notice to the party of an Indiana board final determination.

(e) The county assessor may petition for judicial review to the tax court in the manner prescribed in this section.

(f) The county assessor may not be represented by the attorney general in a judicial review initiated under subsection (b) by the county assessor.

(g) If the maximum time elapses for the Indiana board to give notice of its final determination under subsection (a) or section 4 of this chapter, a party may initiate a proceeding for judicial review by taking the action required by subsection (b) at any time after the maximum time elapses. If:

(1) a judicial proceeding is initiated under this subsection; and

(2) the Indiana board has not issued a determination;

the tax court shall determine the matter de novo.

SECTION 33. IC 6-1.1-17-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.184-2016, SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 3. (a) The proper officers of a political subdivision shall formulate its estimated budget and its proposed tax rate and tax levy on the form prescribed by the department of local government finance and approved by the state board of accounts. In formulating a political subdivision's estimated budget under this section, the proper officers of the political subdivision must consider the net property tax revenue that will be collected by the political subdivision during the ensuing year, after taking into account the estimate by the department of local government finance under IC 6-1.1-20.6-11.1 of the amount by which the political subdivision's distribution of property taxes will be reduced by credits under IC 6-1.1-20.6-9.5 in the ensuing year, ~~and~~ after taking into account the estimate by the department of local government finance under section 0.7 of this chapter of the maximum amount of net property tax revenue and miscellaneous revenue that the political subdivision will receive in the ensuing year, **and after taking into account all payments for debt service obligations that are to be made by the political subdivision during the ensuing year.** The political subdivision or appropriate fiscal body, if the political subdivision is subject to section 20 of this chapter, shall submit the following information to the department's computer gateway:

(1) The estimated budget.

(2) The estimated maximum permissible levy, as provided by the department under IC 6-1.1-18.5-24.

(3) The current and proposed tax levies of each fund.

(4) The percentage change between the current and proposed tax levies of each fund.

~~(4)~~ **(5)** The amount by which the political subdivision's distribution of property taxes may be reduced by credits granted under IC 6-1.1-20.6, as estimated by the department of local government finance under IC 6-1.1-20.6-11.

~~(5)~~ **(6)** The amounts of excessive levy appeals to be requested.

~~(6)~~ **(7)** The time and place at which the political subdivision or appropriate fiscal body will hold a public hearing on the items described in subdivisions (1) through ~~(5).~~ **(6).**

(8) The time and place at which the political subdivision or appropriate fiscal body will meet to fix the budget, tax rate, and levy under section 5 of this chapter.

The political subdivision or appropriate fiscal body shall submit this information to the department's computer gateway at least ten (10) days before the public hearing required by this subsection in the manner prescribed by the department. The department shall make this information available to taxpayers, at least ten (10) days before the public hearing, through its computer gateway and provide a telephone number through which taxpayers may request mailed copies of a political subdivision's information under this subsection. The department's computer gateway must allow a taxpayer to search for the information under this subsection by the taxpayer's address. The department shall review only the submission to the department's computer gateway for compliance with this section.

(b) The board of directors of a solid waste management district established under IC 13-21 or IC 13-9.5-2 (before its repeal) may conduct the public hearing required under subsection (a):

(1) in any county of the solid waste management district; and

(2) in accordance with the annual notice of meetings published under IC 13-21-5-2.

(c) The trustee of each township in the county shall estimate the amount necessary to meet the cost of township assistance in the township for the ensuing calendar year. The township board shall adopt with the township budget a tax rate sufficient to meet the estimated cost of township assistance. The taxes collected as a result of the tax rate adopted under this subsection are credited to the township assistance fund.

(d) A political subdivision for which any of the information under subsection (a) is not submitted to the department's computer gateway in the manner prescribed by the department shall have its most recent annual appropriations and annual tax levy continued for the ensuing

budget year.

(e) If a political subdivision or appropriate fiscal body timely submits the information under subsection (a) but subsequently discovers the information contains an error, the political subdivision or appropriate fiscal body may submit amended information to the department's computer gateway. However, submission of ~~amended~~ **an amendment to** information **described in subsection (a)(1) through (a)(6)** must occur at least ten (10) days before the public hearing held under subsection (a), **and submission of an amendment to information described in subsection (a)(7) must occur at least twenty-four (24) hours before the time in which the meeting to fix the budget, tax rate, and levy was originally advertised to commence.**

SECTION 34. IC 6-1.1-17-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.119-2012, SECTION 30, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 5. (a) The officers of political subdivisions shall meet each year to fix the budget, tax rate, and tax levy of their respective subdivisions for the ensuing budget year as follows:

(1) The board of school trustees of a school corporation that is located in a city having a population of more than one hundred thousand (100,000) but less than one hundred ten thousand (110,000), not later than:

(A) the time required in section 5.6(b) of this chapter; or

(B) November 1 if a resolution adopted under section 5.6(d) of this chapter is in effect.

(2) **Except as provided in section 5.2 of this chapter,** the proper officers of all other political subdivisions that are not school corporations, not later than November 1.

(3) The governing body of a school corporation (other than a school corporation described in subdivision (1)) that elects to adopt a budget under section 5.6 of this chapter for budget years beginning after June 30, 2011, not later than the time required under section 5.6(b) of this chapter for budget years beginning after June 30, 2011.

(4) The governing body of a school corporation that is not described in subdivision (1) or (3), not later than November 1.

Except in a consolidated city and county and in a second class city, the public hearing required by section 3 of this chapter must be completed at least ten (10) days before the proper officers of the political subdivision meet to fix the budget, tax rate, and tax levy. In a consolidated city and county and in a second class city, that public hearing, by any committee or by the entire fiscal body, may be held at

any time after introduction of the budget.

(b) Ten (10) or more taxpayers may object to a budget, tax rate, or tax levy of a political subdivision fixed under subsection (a) by filing an objection petition with the proper officers of the political subdivision not more than seven (7) days after the hearing. The objection petition must specifically identify the provisions of the budget, tax rate, and tax levy to which the taxpayers object.

(c) If a petition is filed under subsection (b), the fiscal body of the political subdivision shall adopt with its budget a finding concerning the objections in the petition and any testimony presented at the adoption hearing.

(d) ~~This subsection does not apply to a school corporation. Each year at least two (2) days before the first meeting of the county board of tax adjustment held under IC 6-1.1-29-4, a political subdivision shall file with the county auditor:~~

~~(1) a statement of the tax rate and levy fixed by the political subdivision for the ensuing budget year;~~

~~(2) two (2) copies of the budget adopted by the political subdivision for the ensuing budget year; and~~

~~(3) two (2) copies of any findings adopted under subsection (c).~~ ~~Each year the county auditor shall present these items to the county board of tax adjustment at the board's first meeting under IC 6-1.1-29-4.~~ **A political subdivision shall file the budget adopted by the political subdivision with the department of local government finance not later than five (5) business days after the budget is adopted under subsection (a). The filing with the department of local government finance must be in a manner prescribed by the department.**

(e) In a consolidated city and county and in a second class city, the clerk of the fiscal body shall, notwithstanding subsection (d), file the adopted budget and tax ordinances with the ~~county board of tax adjustment~~ **department of local government finance** within ~~two (2)~~ **five (5) business** days after the ordinances are signed by the executive, or within ~~two (2)~~ **five (5) business** days after action is taken by the fiscal body to override a veto of the ordinances, whichever is later.

(f) If a fiscal body does not fix the budget, tax rate, and tax levy of the political subdivisions for the ensuing budget year as required under this section, the most recent annual appropriations and annual tax levy are continued for the ensuing budget year.

SECTION 35. IC 6-1.1-17-5.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: **Sec. 5.2. If an ordinance to fix a city**

budget, tax rate, and tax levy is:

(1) vetoed by the city executive under IC 36-4-6-16(a)(2); or

(2) considered vetoed under IC 36-4-6-16(b);

and the veto is effective on a date later than October 1, the city's legislative body has thirty (30) days from the effective date of the veto to override the veto in accordance with IC 36-4-6-16(c) to fix the budget, tax rate, and tax levy for the ensuing budget year.

SECTION 36. IC 6-1.1-17-5.6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.184-2016, SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 5.6. (a) Each school corporation may elect to adopt a budget under this section that applies from July 1 of the year through June 30 of the following year. In the initial budget adopted by a school corporation under this section, the first six (6) months of that initial budget must be consistent with the last six (6) months of the budget adopted by the school corporation for the calendar year in which the school corporation elects by resolution to begin adopting budgets that correspond to the state fiscal year. A corporation shall submit a copy of the resolution to the department of local government finance and the department of education not more than thirty (30) days after the date the governing body adopts the resolution.

(b) Before April 1 of each year, the officers of the school corporation shall meet to fix the budget for the school corporation for the ensuing budget year, with notice given by the same officers. However, if a resolution adopted under subsection (d) is in effect, the officers shall meet to fix the budget for the ensuing budget year before November 1.

(c) ~~Each year, at least two (2) days before the first meeting of the county board of tax adjustment held under IC 6-1.1-29-4, the school corporation shall file with the county auditor:~~

~~(1) a statement of the tax rate and tax levy fixed by the school corporation for the ensuing budget year;~~

~~(2) two (2) copies of the budget adopted by the school corporation for the ensuing budget year; and~~

~~(3) any written notification from the department of local government finance under section 16(l) of this chapter that specifies a proposed revision, reduction, or increase in the budget adopted by the school corporation for the ensuing budget year.~~

~~Each year the county auditor shall present these items to the county board of tax adjustment at the board's first meeting under IC 6-1.1-29-4.~~ **A school corporation that adopts a budget as provided in this section shall file the budget adopted by the school corporation with the department of local government finance not**

later than five (5) business days after the budget is adopted under subsection (b). The filing with the department of local government finance must be in a manner prescribed by the department.

(d) The governing body of the school corporation may adopt a resolution to cease using a school year budget year and return to using a calendar year budget year. A resolution adopted under this subsection must be adopted after January 1 and before July 1. The school corporation's initial calendar year budget year following the adoption of a resolution under this subsection begins on January 1 of the year following the year the resolution is adopted. The first six (6) months of the initial calendar year budget for the school corporation must be consistent with the last six (6) months of the final school year budget fixed by the department of local government finance before the adoption of a resolution under this subsection.

(e) A resolution adopted under subsection (d) may be rescinded by a subsequent resolution adopted by the governing body. If the governing body of the school corporation rescinds a resolution adopted under subsection (d) and returns to a school year budget year, the school corporation's initial school year budget year begins on July 1 following the adoption of the rescinding resolution and ends on June 30 of the following year. The first six (6) months of the initial school year budget for the school corporation must be consistent with the last six (6) months of the last calendar year budget fixed by the department of local government finance before the adoption of a rescinding resolution under this subsection.

SECTION 37. IC 6-1.1-17-6 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]. ~~Sec. 6. (a) The county board of tax adjustment shall review the budget, tax rate, and tax levy of each political subdivision filed with the county auditor under section 5 or 5.6 of this chapter. The board shall revise or reduce, but not increase, any budget, tax rate, or tax levy in order:~~

~~(1) to limit the tax rate to the maximum amount permitted under IC 6-1.1-18; and~~

~~(2) to limit the budget to the amount of revenue to be available in the ensuing budget year for the political subdivision.~~

~~(b) The county board of tax adjustment shall make a revision or reduction in a political subdivision's budget only with respect to the total amounts budgeted for each office or department within each of the major budget classifications prescribed by the state board of accounts.~~

~~(c) When the county board of tax adjustment makes a revision or reduction in a budget, tax rate, or tax levy, it shall file with the county auditor a written order which indicates the action taken. If the board~~

~~reduces the budget, it shall also indicate the reason for the reduction in the order. The chairman of the county board shall sign the order.~~

SECTION 38. IC 6-1.1-17-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2008, SECTION 152, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 7. If the boundaries of a political subdivision cross one (1) or more county lines, the budget, tax levy, and tax rate fixed by the political subdivision shall be filed with the county auditor of each affected county in the manner prescribed in section 5 or 5.6 of this chapter. ~~The board of tax adjustment of the county which contains the largest portion of the value of property taxable by the political subdivision, as determined from the abstracts of taxable values last filed with the auditor of state, has jurisdiction over the budget, tax rate, and tax levy to the same extent as if the property taxable by the political subdivision were wholly within the county. The secretary of the county board of tax adjustment shall notify the county auditor of each affected county of the action of the board. Appeals from actions of the county board of tax adjustment may be initiated in any affected county.~~

SECTION 39. IC 6-1.1-17-8 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]. ~~Sec. 8. (a) If the county board of tax adjustment determines that the maximum aggregate tax rate permitted within a political subdivision under IC 6-1.1-18 is inadequate, the county board shall, subject to the limitations prescribed in IC 20-45-4 (before January 1, 2009), file its written recommendations in duplicate with the county auditor. The board shall include with its recommendations:~~

~~(1) an analysis of the aggregate tax rate within the political subdivision;~~

~~(2) a recommended breakdown of the aggregate tax rate among the political subdivisions whose tax rates compose the aggregate tax rate within the political subdivision; and~~

~~(3) any other information that the county board considers relevant to the matter.~~

~~(b) The county auditor shall forward one (1) copy of the county board's recommendations to the department of local government finance and shall retain the other copy in the county auditor's office. The department of local government finance shall, in the manner prescribed in section 16 of this chapter, review the budgets by fund, tax rates, and tax levies of the political subdivisions described in subsection (a)(2).~~

SECTION 40. IC 6-1.1-17-9 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]. ~~Sec. 9. (a) The county board of tax adjustment shall complete the duties assigned to it under this chapter on or before November 2 of~~

~~each year, except that in a consolidated city and county and in a county containing a second class city, the duties of this board need not be completed until December 1 of each year.~~

~~(b) If the county board of tax adjustment fails to complete the duties assigned to it within the time prescribed in this section or to reduce aggregate tax rates so that they do not exceed the maximum rates permitted under IC 6-1.1-18, the county auditor shall calculate and fix the tax rate within each political subdivision of the county so that the maximum rate permitted under IC 6-1.1-18 is not exceeded.~~

~~(c) When the county auditor calculates and fixes tax rates, the county auditor shall send a certificate notice of those rates to each political subdivision of the county. The county auditor shall send these notices within five (5) days after:~~

~~(1) publication of the notice required by section 12 of this chapter; or~~

~~(2) the tax rates are calculated and fixed by the county auditor;~~

~~whichever applies.~~

~~(d) When the county auditor calculates and fixes tax rates, that action shall be treated as if it were the action of the county board of tax adjustment.~~

SECTION 41. IC 6-1.1-17-10 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]. ~~Sec. 10. When the aggregate tax rate within a political subdivision, as approved or modified by the county board of tax adjustment (before January 1, 2009), exceeds the maximum aggregate tax rate prescribed in IC 6-1.1-18-3(a), the county auditor shall certify the budgets, tax rates, and tax levies of the political subdivisions whose tax rates compose the aggregate tax rate within the political subdivision, as approved or modified by the county board, to the department of local government finance for final review. For purposes of this section, the maximum aggregate tax rate limit exceptions provided in IC 6-1.1-18-3(b) do not apply.~~

SECTION 42. IC 6-1.1-17-11 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]. ~~Sec. 11. A budget, tax rate, or tax levy of a political subdivision, as approved or modified by the county board of tax adjustment, is final unless:~~

~~(1) action is taken by the county auditor in the manner provided under section 9 of this chapter;~~

~~(2) the action of the county board is subject to review by the department of local government finance under section 8 or 10 of this chapter; or~~

~~(3) an appeal to the department of local government finance is initiated with respect to the budget, tax rate, or tax levy.~~

SECTION 43. IC 6-1.1-17-12 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]. ~~Sec. 12. If the budgets, tax rates, or tax levies are modified by the county board of tax adjustment or county auditor, the county auditor shall within fifteen (15) days of the modification prepare a notice of the tax rates to be charged on each one hundred dollars ($100) of assessed valuation for the various funds in each taxing district. The notice shall also inform the taxpayers of the manner in which they may initiate an appeal of the modification by the county board or county auditor. The county auditor shall post the notice at the county courthouse and publish it in two (2) newspapers which represent different political parties and which have a general circulation in the county.~~

SECTION 44. IC 6-1.1-17-13 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]. ~~Sec. 13. (a) Ten (10) or more taxpayers or one (1) taxpayer that owns property that represents at least ten percent (10%) of the taxable assessed valuation in the political subdivision may initiate an appeal from the county board of tax adjustment's or county auditor's modification of a political subdivision's budget, tax rate, or tax levy by filing a statement of their objections with the county auditor. The statement must be filed not later than ten (10) days after the publication of the notice required by section 12 of this chapter. The statement shall specifically identify the provisions of the budget, tax rate, or tax levy to which the taxpayers object. The county auditor shall forward the statement, with the budget, to the department of local government finance.~~

~~(b) The department of local government finance shall:~~

~~(1) subject to subsection (c), give notice to the first ten (10) taxpayers whose names appear on the petition, or to the taxpayer that owns property that represents at least ten percent (10%) of the taxable assessed valuation in the political subdivision in the case of an appeal initiated by that taxpayer, of the date, time, and location of the hearing on the objection statement filed under subsection (a);~~

~~(2) conduct a hearing on the objection; and~~

~~(3) after the hearing:~~

~~(A) consider the testimony and evidence submitted at the hearing; and~~

~~(B) mail the department's:~~

~~(i) written determination; and~~

~~(ii) written statement of findings;~~

~~to the first ten (10) taxpayers whose names appear on the petition, or to the taxpayer that owns property that represents~~

at least ten percent (10%) of the taxable assessed valuation in the political subdivision in the case of an appeal initiated by that taxpayer.

The department of local government finance may hold the hearing in conjunction with the hearing required under IC 6-1.1-17-16.

(c) The department of local government finance shall provide written notice to:

(1) the first ten (10) taxpayers whose names appear on the petition; or

(2) the taxpayer that owns property that represents at least ten percent (10%) of the taxable assessed valuation in the political subdivision, in the case of an appeal initiated by that taxpayer;

at least five (5) days before the date of the hearing.

SECTION 45. IC 6-1.1-17-14 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]. Sec. 14. The county auditor shall initiate an appeal to the department of local government finance if the county fiscal body or the county board of tax adjustment reduces a township assistance tax rate below the rate necessary to meet the estimated cost of township assistance.

SECTION 46. IC 6-1.1-17-15 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]. Sec. 15. A political subdivision may appeal to the department of local government finance for an increase in its tax rate or tax levy as modified by the county board of tax adjustment or the county auditor. To initiate the appeal, the political subdivision must file a statement with the department of local government finance not later than ten (10) days after publication of the notice required by section 12 of this chapter. The legislative body of the political subdivision must authorize the filing of the statement by adopting a resolution. The resolution must be attached to the statement of objections, and the statement must be signed by the following officers:

(1) In the case of counties, by the board of county commissioners and by the president of the county council.

(2) In the case of all other political subdivisions, by the highest executive officer and by the presiding officer of the legislative body.

SECTION 47. IC 6-1.1-17-16, AS AMENDED BY P.L.184-2016, SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 16. (a) The department of local government finance shall certify the tax rates and tax levies for all funds of political subdivisions subject to the department of local government finance's review.

(b) For a fund of a political subdivision subject to levy limits under

IC 6-1.1-18.5-3, the department of local government finance shall calculate and certify the allowable budget of the fund if the political subdivision adopts a tax levy that exceeds the estimated maximum levy limits as provided by the department of local government finance under IC 6-1.1-18.5-24.

(c) For a fund of a political subdivision subject to levy limits under IC 6-1.1-18.5-3 and for which the political subdivision adopts a tax levy that is not more than the levy limits under IC 6-1.1-18.5-3, the department of local government finance shall review the fund to ensure the adopted budget is fundable based on the unit's adopted tax levy and estimates of available revenues. If the adopted budget is fundable, the department of local government finance shall use the adopted budget as the approved appropriation for the fund for the budget year. As needed, the political subdivision may complete the additional appropriation process through IC 6-1.1-18-5 for these funds during the budget year.

(d) For a fund of the political subdivision subject to levy limits under IC 6-1.1-18.5-3 and for which the political subdivision adopts a tax levy that is not more than the levy limits under IC 6-1.1-18.5-3, if the department of local government finance has determined the adopted budget is not fundable based on the unit's adopted tax levy and estimates of available revenues, the department of local government finance shall calculate and certify the allowable budget that is fundable based on the adopted tax levy and the department's estimates of available revenues.

(e) For all other funds of a political subdivision not described in subsections (b), (c), and (d), the department of local government finance shall certify a budget for the fund.

(f) Except as provided in section 16.1 of this chapter, the department of local government finance is not required to hold a public hearing before the department of local government finance reviews, revises, reduces, or increases a political subdivision's budget by fund, tax rate, or tax levy under this section.

(g) Except as provided in subsection (l), IC 20-46, or IC 6-1.1-18.5, the department of local government finance may not increase a political subdivision's budget by fund, tax rate, or tax levy to an amount which exceeds the amount originally fixed by the political subdivision. However, if the department of local government finance determines that IC 5-3-1-2.3(b) ~~(before its expiration)~~ applies to the tax rate, tax levy, or budget of the political subdivision, the maximum amount by which the department may increase the tax rate, tax levy, or budget is the amount originally fixed by the political subdivision, and not the

amount that was incorrectly published or omitted in the notice described in IC 5-3-1-2.3(b). ~~(before its expiration).~~ The department of local government finance shall give the political subdivision notification electronically in the manner prescribed by the department of local government finance specifying any revision, reduction, or increase the department proposes in a political subdivision's tax levy or tax rate. The political subdivision has ten (10) calendar days from the date the political subdivision receives the notice to provide a response electronically in the manner prescribed by the department of local government finance. The response may include budget reductions, reallocation of levies, a revision in the amount of miscellaneous revenues, and further review of any other item about which, in the view of the political subdivision, the department is in error. The department of local government finance shall consider the adjustments as specified in the political subdivision's response if the response is provided as required by this subsection and shall deliver a final decision to the political subdivision.

(h) The department of local government finance may not approve a levy for lease payments by a city, town, county, library, or school corporation if the lease payments are payable to a building corporation for use by the building corporation for debt service on bonds and if:

(1) no bonds of the building corporation are outstanding; or

(2) the building corporation has enough legally available funds on hand to redeem all outstanding bonds payable from the particular lease rental levy requested.

(i) The department of local government finance shall certify its action to:

(1) the county auditor;

(2) the political subdivision if the department acts pursuant to an appeal initiated by the political subdivision;

~~(3) the taxpayer that initiated an appeal under section 13 of this chapter, or, if the appeal was initiated by multiple taxpayers, the first ten (10) taxpayers whose names appear on the statement filed to initiate the appeal;~~ and

~~(4)~~ **(3)** a taxpayer that owns property that represents at least ten percent (10%) of the taxable assessed valuation in the political subdivision.

(j) The following may petition for judicial review of the final determination of the department of local government finance under subsection (i):

(1) If the department acts under an appeal initiated by a political subdivision, the political subdivision.

~~(2) If the department:~~

~~(A) acts under an appeal initiated by one (1) or more taxpayers under section 13 of this chapter; or~~

~~(B) fails to act on the appeal before the department certifies its action under subsection (i);~~

~~a taxpayer who signed the statement filed to initiate the appeal.~~

~~(3) If the department acts under an appeal initiated by the county auditor under section 14 of this chapter, the county auditor.~~

~~(4)~~ **(2)** A taxpayer that owns property that represents at least ten percent (10%) of the taxable assessed valuation in the political subdivision.

The petition must be filed in the tax court not more than forty-five (45) days after the department certifies its action under subsection (i).

(k) The department of local government finance is expressly directed to complete the duties assigned to it under this section as follows:

~~(1) For each budget year before 2019, not later than February 15 of that budget year.~~

~~(2) For each budget year after 2018,~~ **(1)** Not later than December 31 of the year preceding that budget year, unless ~~a taxing unit in a county is issuing debt after December 1 in the year preceding the budget year or intends to file a shortfall appeal under IC 6-1.1-18.5-16.~~ **subdivision (2) applies.**

~~(3) For each budget year after 2018,~~ **(2)** Not later than January 15 of the budget year if:

(A) a taxing unit in a county is issuing debt after December 1 in the year preceding the budget year or intends to file a shortfall appeal under IC 6-1.1-18.5-16; **or**

(B) the deadline for a city in the county to fix the budget, tax rate, and tax levy has been extended, in accordance with section 5.2 of this chapter, due to the executive's veto of the ordinance fixing the budget, tax rate, and tax levy.

(l) Subject to the provisions of all applicable statutes, and notwithstanding IC 6-1.1-18-1, the department of local government finance shall, unless the department finds extenuating circumstances, increase a political subdivision's tax levy to an amount that exceeds the amount originally advertised or adopted by the political subdivision if:

(1) the increase is requested in writing by the officers of the political subdivision;

(2) the request includes:

(A) the corrected budget, tax rate, or levy, as applicable; and

(B) the time and place of the meeting described in subdivision (4);

~~(2)~~ **(3) the political subdivision publishes** the requested increase ~~is published~~ on the department's advertising Internet web site; ~~and (before January 1, 2015) is published by the political subdivision according to a notice provided by the department; and~~

(4) the political subdivision adopts the needed changes to its budget, tax levy, or rate in a public meeting of the governing body; and

~~(3)~~ **(5)** notice is given to the county fiscal body of the department's correction.

The political subdivision shall publish notice of the meeting described in subdivision (4) on the Indiana transparency Internet web site in the manner prescribed by the department not later than forty-eight (48) hours (excluding weekends and holidays) before the meeting. If the department increases a levy beyond what was advertised or adopted under this subsection, it shall, unless the department finds extenuating circumstances, reduce the certified levy affected below the maximum allowable levy by the lesser of five percent (5%) of the difference between the advertised or adopted levy and the increased levy, or one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000).

SECTION 48. IC 6-1.1-18-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.233-2015, SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 3. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), the sum of all tax rates for all political subdivisions imposed on tangible property within a political subdivision may not exceed:

(1) forty-one and sixty-seven hundredths cents ($0.4167) on each one hundred dollars ($100) of assessed valuation in territory outside the corporate limits of a city or town; or

(2) sixty-six and sixty-seven hundredths cents ($0.6667) on each one hundred dollars ($100) of assessed valuation in territory inside the corporate limits of a city or town.

(b) The proper officers of a political subdivision shall fix tax rates which are sufficient to provide funds for the purposes itemized in this subsection. The portion of a tax rate fixed by a political subdivision shall not be considered in computing the tax rate limits prescribed in subsection (a) if that portion is to be used for one (1) of the following purposes:

(1) To pay the principal or interest on a funding, refunding, or judgment funding obligation of the political subdivision.

(2) To pay the principal or interest upon:

(A) an obligation issued by the political subdivision to meet an

emergency which results from a flood, fire, pestilence, war, or any other major disaster; or

(B) a note issued under IC 36-2-6-18, IC 36-3-4-22, IC 36-4-6-20, or IC 36-5-2-11 to enable a city, town, or county to acquire necessary equipment or facilities for municipal or county government.

(3) To pay the principal or interest upon an obligation issued in the manner provided in:

(A) IC 6-1.1-20-3 (before its repeal);

(B) IC 6-1.1-20-3.1 through IC 6-1.1-20-3.2; or

(C) IC 6-1.1-20-3.5 through IC 6-1.1-20-3.6.

(4) To pay a judgment rendered against the political subdivision.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in IC 6-1.1-19 (before January 1, 2009), IC 6-1.1-18.5, IC 20-45 (before January 1, 2009), or IC 20-46, ~~a county board of tax adjustment,~~ a county auditor or the department of local government finance may review the portion of a tax rate described in subsection (b) only to determine if it exceeds the portion actually needed to provide for one (1) of the purposes itemized in that subsection.

SECTION 49. IC 6-1.1-18-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.184-2016, SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 5. (a) If the proper officers of a political subdivision desire to appropriate more money for a particular year than the amount prescribed in the budget for that year as finally determined under this article, they shall give notice of their proposed additional appropriation. The notice shall state the time and place at which a public hearing will be held on the proposal. The notice shall be given once in accordance with IC 5-3-1-2(b).

(b) If the additional appropriation by the political subdivision is made from a fund ~~that receives:~~

~~(1) distributions from the motor vehicle highway account established under IC 8-14-1-1 or the local road and street account established under IC 8-14-2-4; or~~

~~(2) revenue from property taxes levied under IC 6-1.1;~~ **for which the budget, rate, or levy is certified by the department of local government finance under IC 6-1.1-17-16,**

the political subdivision must report the additional appropriation to the department of local government finance. If the additional appropriation is made from a fund described under this subsection, subsections (f), (g), (h), and (i) apply to the political subdivision.

(c) However, if the additional appropriation is not made from a fund described under subsection (b), subsections (f), (g), (h), and (i) do not

apply to the political subdivision. Subsections (f), (g), (h), and (i) do not apply to an additional appropriation made from the cumulative bridge fund if the appropriation meets the requirements under IC 8-16-3-3(c).

(d) A political subdivision may make an additional appropriation without approval of the department of local government finance if the additional appropriation is made from a fund that is not described under subsection (b). However, the fiscal officer of the political subdivision shall report the additional appropriation to the department of local government finance.

(e) **Subject to subsections (j) and (k),** after the public hearing, the proper officers of the political subdivision shall file a certified copy of their final proposal and any other relevant information to the department of local government finance.

(f) When the department of local government finance receives a certified copy of a proposal for an additional appropriation under subsection (e), the department shall determine whether sufficient funds are available or will be available for the proposal. The determination shall be made in writing and sent to the political subdivision not more than fifteen (15) days after the department of local government finance receives the proposal.

(g) In making the determination under subsection (f), the department of local government finance shall limit the amount of the additional appropriation to revenues available, or to be made available, which have not been previously appropriated.

(h) If the department of local government finance disapproves an additional appropriation under subsection (f), the department shall specify the reason for its disapproval on the determination sent to the political subdivision.

(i) A political subdivision may request a reconsideration of a determination of the department of local government finance under this section by filing a written request for reconsideration. A request for reconsideration must:

(1) be filed with the department of local government finance within fifteen (15) days of the receipt of the determination by the political subdivision; and

(2) state with reasonable specificity the reason for the request.

The department of local government finance must act on a request for reconsideration within fifteen (15) days of receiving the request.

(j) This subsection applies to an additional appropriation by a political subdivision that must have the political subdivision's annual appropriations and annual tax levy adopted by a city, town, or county

fiscal body under IC 6-1.1-17-20 or IC 36-1-23 or by a legislative or fiscal body under IC 36-3-6-9. The fiscal or legislative body of the city, town, or county that adopted the political subdivision's annual appropriation and annual tax levy must adopt the additional appropriation by ordinance before the department of local government finance may approve the additional appropriation.

(k) This subsection applies to a public library that is not required to submit the public library's budgets, tax rates, and tax levies for binding review and approval under IC 6-1.1-17-20. If a public library subject to this subsection proposes to make an additional appropriation for a year, and the additional appropriation would result in the budget for the library for that year increasing (as compared to the previous year) by a percentage that is greater than the result of the assessed value growth quotient determined under IC 6-1.1-18.5-2 for the calendar year minus one (1), the additional appropriation must first be approved by the city, town, or county fiscal body described in IC 6-1.1-17-20.3(c) or IC 6-1.1-17-20(d), as appropriate.

SECTION 50. IC 6-1.1-18-25 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 25. (a) This section applies only to Highland Township in Greene County.**

(b) The executive of the township may, upon approval by the township fiscal body, submit a petition to the department of local government finance for an increase in the township's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy under IC 6-1.1-18.5 for property taxes first due and payable in 2020.

(c) If the township submits a petition as provided in subsection (b) before August 1, 2019, the department of local government finance shall increase the township's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy under IC 6-1.1-18.5 for property taxes first due and payable in 2020 to eighteen thousand dollars ($18,000).

(d) The township's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy under IC 6-1.1-18.5 for property taxes first due and payable in 2020, as adjusted under this section, shall be used in the determination of the township's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy under IC 6-1.1-18.5 for property taxes first due and payable in 2021 and thereafter.

(e) This section expires June 30, 2024.

SECTION 51. IC 6-1.1-18-26 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 26. (a) This section applies**

only to Taylor Township in Greene County.

(b) The executive of the township may, upon approval by the township fiscal body, submit a petition to the department of local government finance for:

(1) an increase in the township's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy under IC 6-1.1-18.5 for property taxes first due and payable in 2020; and

(2) an increase in the township's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy under IC 36-8-13 (for the township's fire protection and emergency services) for property taxes first due and payable in 2020.

(c) If the township submits a petition as provided in subsection (b) before August 1, 2019, the department of local government finance shall:

(1) increase the township's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy under IC 6-1.1-18.5 for property taxes first due and payable in 2020 to twenty-nine thousand dollars ($29,000); and

(2) increase the township's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy under IC 36-8-13 (for the township's fire protection and emergency services) for property taxes first due and payable in 2020 to thirty-four thousand dollars ($34,000).

(d) The township's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy under IC 6-1.1-18.5 for property taxes first due and payable in 2020, as adjusted under this section, shall be used in the determination of the township's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy under IC 6-1.1-18.5 for property taxes first due and payable in 2021 and thereafter.

(e) The township's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy under IC 36-8-13 (for the township's fire protection and emergency services) for property taxes first due and payable in 2020, as adjusted under this section, shall be used in the determination of the township's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy under IC 36-8-13 (for the township's fire protection and emergency services) for property taxes first due and payable in 2021 and thereafter.

(f) This section expires June 30, 2024.

SECTION 52. IC 6-1.1-18-27 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 27. (a) This section applies only to the North Harrison Fire Protection Territory in Harrison**

County.

(b) The executive of the provider unit may, upon approval by the fiscal body of the provider unit, submit a petition to the department of local government finance for an increase in the provider unit's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy for purposes of IC 36-8-19 for property taxes due and payable in 2020. A petition must be submitted not later than September 1, 2019.

(c) If a petition is submitted under subsection (b), the department of local government finance shall increase the provider unit's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy for purposes of IC 36-8-19 for property taxes due and payable in 2020. The amount of the increase under this section is equal to the difference between:

(1) the provider unit's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy for purposes of IC 36-8-19 for property taxes due and payable in 2019; and

(2) the provider unit's ad valorem property tax levy for purposes of IC 36-8-19 as certified by the department of local government finance for property taxes due and payable in 2019.

(d) The adjustment under this section is a temporary, one (1) time increase to the provider unit's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy for purposes of IC 36-8-19.

(e) This section expires June 30, 2022.

SECTION 53. IC 6-1.1-18.5-16, AS AMENDED BY P.L.182-2009(ss), SECTION 136, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 16. (a) A civil taxing unit may request permission from the department to impose an ad valorem property tax levy that exceeds the limits imposed by section 3 of this chapter if:

(1) the civil taxing unit experienced a property tax revenue shortfall that resulted from erroneous assessed valuation figures being provided to the civil taxing unit;

(2) the erroneous assessed valuation figures were used by the civil taxing unit in determining its total property tax rate; and

(3) the error in the assessed valuation figures was found after the civil taxing unit's property tax levy resulting from that total rate was finally approved by the department of local government finance.

However, a civil taxing unit may not make a request described in this subsection on account of a revenue shortfall experienced in

excess of five (5) years from the date of the most recent certified budget, tax rate, and levy of the civil taxing unit under IC 6-1.1-17-16.

(b) A civil taxing unit may request permission from the department to impose an ad valorem property tax levy that exceeds the limits imposed by section 3 of this chapter if the civil taxing unit experienced a property tax revenue shortfall because of the payment of refunds that resulted from appeals under this article and IC 6-1.5. **However, a civil taxing unit may not make a request described in this subsection on account of a revenue shortfall experienced in excess of five (5) years from the date of the most recent certified budget, tax rate, and levy of the civil taxing unit under IC 6-1.1-17-16.**

(c) If the department determines that a shortfall described in subsection (a) or (b) has occurred, the department of local government finance may find that the civil taxing unit should be allowed to impose a property tax levy exceeding the limit imposed by section 3 of this chapter. However, the maximum amount by which the civil taxing unit's levy may be increased over the limits imposed by section 3 of this chapter equals the remainder of the civil taxing unit's property tax levy for the particular calendar year as finally approved by the department of local government finance minus the actual property tax levy collected by the civil taxing unit for that particular calendar year.

(d) Any property taxes collected by a civil taxing unit over the limits imposed by section 3 of this chapter under the authority of this section may not be treated as a part of the civil taxing unit's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy for purposes of determining its maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy for future years.

(e) If the department of local government finance authorizes an excess tax levy under this section, it shall take appropriate steps to insure that the proceeds are first used to repay any loan made to the civil taxing unit for the purpose of meeting its current expenses.

SECTION 54. IC 6-1.1-18.5-23.2, AS ADDED BY P.L.242-2015, SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 23.2. (a) This section applies to ~~the following townships~~ **Green Township** in Hancock County.

~~(1) Brown Township.~~

~~(2) Jackson Township.~~

~~(3) Blue River Township.~~

(b) The executive of a township ~~listed~~ **described** in subsection (a) may, after approval by the fiscal body of the township, **and before August 1, 2019,** submit a petition to the department of local government finance requesting an increase in the maximum

permissible ad valorem property tax levy for the township's general fund.

(c) If the executive of a township submits a petition under subsection (b), the department of local government finance shall increase the maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy for the township's general fund for property taxes first due and payable after December 31, ~~2015,~~ **2019,** by an amount equal to the lesser of the following:

(1) Twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000).

(2) The sum of the following:

(A) The amount necessary to make the maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy for the township's general fund equal to the maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy that would have applied to the township's general fund under section 3 of this chapter for property taxes first due and payable after December 31, ~~2015,~~ **2019,** if in each year, beginning in 2003 and ending in ~~2015,~~ **2019,** the township had imposed the maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy for the township's general fund in each of those years (regardless of whether the township did impose the entire amount of the maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy for the township's general fund).

(B) The amount necessary to make the maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy under section 3 of this chapter for the township's firefighting fund under IC 36-8-13 equal to the maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy under section 3 of this chapter that would have applied to the township's firefighting fund for property taxes first due and payable after December 31, ~~2015,~~ **2019,** if in each year, beginning in 2003 and ending in ~~2015,~~ **2019,** the township had imposed the maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy for the township's firefighting fund in each of those years (regardless of whether the township did impose the entire amount of the maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy for the township's firefighting fund).

SECTION 55. IC 6-1.1-20.3-17 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 17. If the distressed unit appeal board delays or suspends, for a period determined by the board, any payments on loans or advances from the common school fund under section 6.8 of this chapter, the distressed unit appeal board may recommend to the state board of finance that the**

term of the loans or advances be extended. If the distressed unit appeal board makes a recommendation to extend the term of the loan or advances, the state board of finance may extend the term of the loans or advances for a period of time that is equal to or less than the number of months for which the payments are delayed or suspended.

SECTION 56. IC 6-1.1-23-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.84-2016, SECTION 30, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 1. (a) Annually, after November 10th but before August 1st of the succeeding year, each county treasurer shall serve a written demand upon each county resident who is delinquent in the payment of personal property taxes. ~~Annually, after May 10 but before October 31 of the same year, each county treasurer may serve a written demand upon a county resident who is delinquent in the payment of personal property taxes.~~ The written demand may be served upon the taxpayer:

(1) by registered or certified mail;

(2) in person by the county treasurer or the county treasurer's agent; or

(3) by proof of certificate of mailing.

(b) The written demand required by this section shall contain:

(1) a statement that the taxpayer is delinquent in the payment of personal property taxes;

(2) the amount of the delinquent taxes;

(3) the penalties due on the delinquent taxes;

(4) the collection expenses which the taxpayer owes; and

(5) a statement that if the sum of the delinquent taxes, penalties, and collection expenses are not paid within thirty (30) days from the date the demand is made then:

(A) sufficient personal property of the taxpayer shall be sold to satisfy the total amount due plus the additional collection expenses incurred; or

(B) a judgment may be entered against the taxpayer in the circuit court, superior court, or probate court of the county.

(c) Subsections (d) through (g) apply only to personal property that:

(1) is subject to a lien of a creditor imposed under an agreement entered into between the debtor and the creditor after June 30, 2005;

(2) comes into the possession of the creditor or the creditor's agent after May 10, 2006, to satisfy all or part of the debt arising from the agreement described in subdivision (1); and

(3) has an assessed value of at least three thousand two hundred

dollars ($3,200).

(d) For the purpose of satisfying a creditor's lien on personal property, the creditor of a taxpayer that comes into possession of personal property on which the taxpayer is adjudicated delinquent in the payment of personal property taxes must pay in full to the county treasurer the amount of the delinquent personal property taxes determined under STEP SEVEN of the following formula from the proceeds of any transfer of the personal property made by the creditor or the creditor's agent before applying the proceeds to the creditor's lien on the personal property:

STEP ONE: Determine the amount realized from any transfer of the personal property made by the creditor or the creditor's agent after the payment of the direct costs of the transfer.

STEP TWO: Determine the amount of the delinquent taxes, including penalties and interest accrued on the delinquent taxes as identified on the form described in subsection (f) by the county treasurer.

STEP THREE: Determine the amount of the total of the unpaid debt that is a lien on the transferred property that was perfected before the assessment date on which the delinquent taxes became a lien on the transferred property.

STEP FOUR: Determine the sum of the STEP TWO amount and the STEP THREE amount.

STEP FIVE: Determine the result of dividing the STEP TWO amount by the STEP FOUR amount.

STEP SIX: Multiply the STEP ONE amount by the STEP FIVE amount.

STEP SEVEN: Determine the lesser of the following:

(A) The STEP TWO amount.

(B) The STEP SIX amount.

(e) This subsection applies to transfers made by a creditor after May 10, 2006. As soon as practicable after a creditor comes into possession of the personal property described in subsection (c), the creditor shall request the form described in subsection (f) from the county treasurer. Before a creditor transfers personal property described in subsection (d) on which delinquent personal property taxes are owed, the creditor must obtain from the county treasurer a delinquent personal property tax form and file the delinquent personal property tax form with the county treasurer. The creditor shall provide the county treasurer with:

(1) the name and address of the debtor; and

(2) a specific description of the personal property described in subsection (d);

when requesting a delinquent personal property tax form.

(f) The delinquent personal property tax form must be in a form prescribed by the state board of accounts under IC 5-11 and must require the following information:

(1) The name and address of the debtor as identified by the creditor.

(2) A description of the personal property identified by the creditor and now in the creditor's possession.

(3) The assessed value of the personal property identified by the creditor and now in the creditor's possession, as determined under subsection (g).

(4) The amount of delinquent personal property taxes owed on the personal property identified by the creditor and now in the creditor's possession, as determined under subsection (g).

(5) A statement notifying the creditor that this section requires that a creditor, upon the liquidation of personal property for the satisfaction of the creditor's lien, must pay in full the amount of delinquent personal property taxes owed as determined under subsection (d) on the personal property in the amount identified on this form from the proceeds of the liquidation before the proceeds of the liquidation may be applied to the creditor's lien on the personal property.

(g) The county treasurer shall provide the delinquent personal property tax form described in subsection (f) to the creditor not later than fourteen (14) days after the date the creditor requests the delinquent personal property tax form. The county assessor and the township assessors (if any) shall assist the county treasurer in determining the appropriate assessed value of the personal property and the amount of delinquent personal property taxes owed on the personal property. Assistance provided by the county assessor and the township assessors (if any) must include providing the county treasurer with relevant personal property forms filed with the assessor or assessors and providing the county treasurer with any other assistance necessary to accomplish the purposes of this section.

SECTION 57. IC 6-1.1-23.5-9, AS ADDED BY P.L.235-2017, SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 9. (a) At least sixty (60) days after the date on which the written demands are issued by a county treasurer under section 5 of this chapter, the county treasurer shall prepare a notice in accordance with this section that declares the county treasurer's intention to sell the mobile homes on the tentative auction list under section 4 of this chapter.

(b) The notice required by subsection (a) must contain the following:

(1) A list of mobile homes eligible for sale under this chapter.

(2) A statement that the mobile homes included in the list will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder.

(3) A statement, for informational purposes only, of the last known location of each mobile home by street address, if any, and lot number, if any.

(4) A statement that the county does not warrant the accuracy of the street address and lot number at which the mobile home was last known to be located.

(5) A statement indicating:

(A) the name of the owner of each mobile home with a single owner; or

(B) the name of at least one (1) of the owners of each mobile home with multiple owners.

(6) A statement of the procedure to be followed for obtaining or objecting to a judgment and order of sale, which must include the following:

(A) A statement that the county treasurer will apply on or after a date designated in the notice for a court judgment against the mobile homes for an amount that is ~~not less than the amount of the delinquent personal property taxes, penalties, and~~ **set by the county executive and includes** collection expenses attributable to the mobile homes, and for an order to sell the mobile homes at public auction to the highest bidder.

(B) A statement that any defense to the application for judgment must be:

(i) filed with the court; and

(ii) served on the county treasurer;

before the date designated as the earliest date on which the application for judgment may be filed.

(C) A statement that the county treasurer is entitled to receive all pleadings, motions, petitions, and other filings related to the defense to the application for judgment.

(D) A statement that the court will set a date for a hearing at least seven (7) days before the advertised public auction date and that the court will determine any defenses to the application for judgment at the hearing.

(7) A statement that the sale will be conducted at a place designated in the notice and that the sale will continue until all mobile homes have been offered for sale.

(8) A statement that the sale will take place at the times and dates designated in the notice. Whenever the public auction is to be conducted as an electronic sale, the notice must include a statement indicating that the public auction will be conducted as an electronic sale and a description of the procedures that must be followed to participate in the electronic sale.

(9) A statement that if the mobile home is sold for an amount that exceeds the sum of the delinquent personal property taxes, penalties, and collection expenses attributable to the mobile home, the owner of record of the mobile home who is divested of ownership at the time the mobile home is sold may have a right to the amount of the sales price minus the amount remaining after the delinquent property taxes, penalties, and collection expenses are paid.

SECTION 58. IC 6-1.1-23.5-12, AS ADDED BY P.L.235-2017, SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 12. (a) At least ~~twenty-one (21)~~ **thirty (30)** days before the earliest date on which the application for judgment and order for sale of mobile homes eligible for sale may be made, the county treasurer shall send a notice of the sale by certified mail, return receipt requested, and by first class mail to:

(1) the owner of record of the mobile home with a single owner; or

(2) at least one (1) of the owners, as of the date that the tentative auction list is initially prepared under section 4 of this chapter, of a mobile home with multiple owners;

at the last address of the owner for the property as indicated in the records of the assessor of the township in which the mobile home community is located, or the county assessor if there is no township assessor for the township, on the date that the tentative auction list is initially prepared under section 4 of this chapter. If both notices are returned, the county treasurer shall take an additional reasonable step to notify the property owner, if the county treasurer determines that an additional reasonable step to notify the property owner is practical. The county treasurer shall prepare the notice in the form prescribed by the department of local government finance. The notice must set forth the make and model of the mobile home and a street address, if any, or other common description of the property other than a legal description where the mobile home was last known to be located. The notice must include the statement set forth in section 5(b)(6) of this chapter. The county treasurer must present proof of this mailing to the court along with the application for judgment and order for sale.

(b) Failure by an owner to receive or accept the notice required by this section does not affect the validity of the judgment and order for sale.

(c) The notice required under this section is considered sufficient if the notice is mailed to the address or addresses required by this section.

SECTION 59. IC 6-1.1-23.5-18, AS ADDED BY P.L.235-2017, SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 18. (a) Whenever:

(1) a mobile home assessed as personal property is offered for sale under this chapter; and

(2) no bid is received;

the county auditor shall prepare a certified statement of the actual collection costs incurred by the county.

(b) The county auditor shall place the amount specified in the certified statement prepared under subsection (a) on the tax duplicate of the mobile home assessed as personal property that is offered but not sold at the sale. The amount shall be collected as personal property taxes are collected and paid into the county general fund.

(c) The taxpayer who is delinquent in the payment of taxes causing the tax sale maintains ownership of the mobile home and liability for the delinquent taxes.

SECTION 60. IC 6-1.1-29 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]. (County Board of Tax Adjustment).

SECTION 61. IC 6-1.1-31-1, AS AMENDED BY SEA 172-2019, SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 1. (a) The department of local government finance shall do the following:

(1) Prescribe the property tax forms and returns which taxpayers are to complete and on which the taxpayers' assessments will be based.

(2) Prescribe the forms to be used to give taxpayers notice of assessment actions.

(3) Adopt rules concerning the assessment of tangible property.

(4) Develop specifications that prescribe state requirements for computer software and hardware to be used by counties for assessment purposes. The specifications developed under this subdivision apply only to computer software and hardware systems purchased for assessment purposes after July 1, 1993. The specifications, including specifications in a rule or other standard adopted under IC 6-1.1-31.5, must provide for:

(A) maintenance of data in a form that formats the information in the file with the standard data, field, and record coding

jointly required and approved by the department of local government finance and the legislative services agency;

(B) data export and transmission that is compatible with the data export and transmission requirements in a standard format prescribed by the office of technology established by IC 4-13.1-2-1 and jointly approved by the department of local government finance and legislative services agency; and

(C) maintenance of data in a manner that ensures prompt and accurate transfer of data to the department of local government finance and the legislative services agency, as jointly approved by the department of local government finance and **the** legislative services agency.

(5) Adopt rules establishing criteria for the revocation of a certification under IC 6-1.1-35.5-6.

(6) Prescribe the state address confidentiality form to be used by a covered person (as defined in IC 36-1-8.5-2) under IC 36-1-8.5 to restrict access to the person's address maintained in a public property data base.

(b) The department of local government finance may adopt rules that are related to property taxation or the duties or the procedures of the department.

(c) The department of local government finance may adopt rules for procedures related to local government budgeting. Notwithstanding any contrary provision in IC 4-22-2, the adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule by the department of local government finance under this subsection may not take effect before March 1 or after July 31 of a particular year.

~~(c)~~ **(d)** Rules of the state board of tax commissioners are for all purposes rules of the department of local government finance and the Indiana board until the department and the Indiana board adopt rules to repeal or supersede the rules of the state board of tax commissioners.

SECTION 62. IC 6-1.1-31-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.86-2018, SECTION 61, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 9. (a) ~~Except as provided in subsection (b) or (c),~~ **Subject to subsections (b) and (c),** the department of local government finance may ~~not~~ adopt rules for the appraisal of real property in a reassessment under a county's reassessment plan prepared under IC 6-1.1-4-4.2 ~~after July 1 of the year before the year in which the reassessment is scheduled to begin.~~ **at any time after a reassessment has begun under a county's reassessment plan.**

(b) ~~If rules described in subsection (a) are timely adopted under subsection (a) and are then disapproved by the attorney general for any~~

~~reason under IC 4-22-2-32, the department of local government finance may modify the rules to cure the defect that resulted in disapproval by the attorney general, and may then take all actions necessary under IC 4-22-2 to readopt and to obtain approval of the rules. This process may be repeated as necessary until the rules are approved.~~ **Any rules adopted by the department of local government finance for the appraisal of real property may not apply to any appraisal contemporaneously being conducted under a county's reassessment plan. Rules adopted by the department of local government finance may first apply to the reassessment phase beginning in the following calendar year under a county's reassessment plan.**

(c) The department of local government finance may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 after June 30, 2016, and before September 1, 2017, that:

(1) concern or include market segmentation under section 6 of this chapter; and

(2) affect assessments for the January 1, 2018, assessment date.

SECTION 63. IC 6-1.1-31.5-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.182-2009(ss), SECTION 168, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 2. (a) Subject to section 3.5 of this chapter, the department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to prescribe computer specification standards and for the certification of:

(1) computer software;

(2) software providers;

(3) computer service providers; and

(4) computer equipment providers.

(b) The rules of the department shall provide for:

(1) the effective and efficient administration of assessment laws;

(2) the prompt updating of assessment data;

(3) the administration of information contained in the sales disclosure form, as required under IC 6-1.1-5.5; and

(4) other information necessary to carry out the administration of the property tax assessment laws.

(c) After June 30, 2008, subject to section 3.5 of this chapter, a county

~~(1)~~ may contract only for computer software and with software providers, computer service providers, and equipment providers that are certified by the department under the rules described in subsection (a). ~~and~~

~~(2) may enter into a contract referred to in subdivision (1) and any addendum to the contract only if the department is a party to the contract and the addendum.~~

The department shall prescribe a standard contract or standard contract provisions for purposes of this subsection.

(d) A county that enters into a contract for computer software and with a software provider, computer service provider, or equipment provider shall upload the contract to the Indiana transparency Internet web site in the manner prescribed by the department. The county shall upload the contract not later than three (3) days after execution of the contract. A contract may not take effect until the contract is uploaded to the Indiana transparency Internet web site as provided in this subsection. The department may review any contract uploaded under this subsection to ensure compliance with this section.

SECTION 64. IC 6-1.1-31.5-2.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: **Sec. 2.5. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), for purposes of attributing the amount of:**

(1) a property tax deduction under IC 6-1.1-12;

(2) an economic revitalization area deduction under IC 6-1.1-12.1;

(3) an investment deduction under IC 6-1.1-12.4; or

(4) a property tax exemption under IC 6-1.1-10;

to the gross assessed value of a property, a deduction or exemption described in subdivisions (1) through (4) that is specific to an improvement shall be applied only to the assessed value allocation pertaining to that improvement.

(b) To the extent that a deduction or exemption amount is not specific to an improvement, the deduction or exemption amount shall be applied to the gross assessed value of the property in the order that will maximize the benefit of the deduction or exemption to the taxpayer.

SECTION 65. IC 6-1.1-36-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2016, SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 7. (a) The ~~department of local government finance~~ **county executive** may cancel any property taxes, delinquencies, fees, special assessments, and penalties assessed against real property owned by a county, a township, a city, a town, or a body corporate and politic established under IC 8-10-5-2(a), regardless of whether the county, township, city, town, or body corporate and politic established under IC 8-10-5-2(a) owned the property on the assessment date for which the property taxes, delinquencies, fees, special assessments, or penalties are imposed and regardless of when the county, township, city, town, or body corporate and politic established under IC 8-10-5-2(a) acquired

the property, if a petition requesting that the ~~department~~ **county executive** cancel the taxes is submitted by the auditor, assessor, and treasurer of the county in which the real property is located. However, the cancellation of any property taxes, delinquencies, fees, special assessments, or penalties under this subsection does not affect the liability of any person that is personally liable for the property taxes before the date the county, township, city, town, or body corporate and politic established under IC 8-10-5-2(a) acquired the property. **For purposes of this subsection, in a county containing a consolidated city, "county executive" refers to the board of commissioners of the county as provided in IC 36-3-3-10.**

(b) The department of local government finance may cancel any property taxes, delinquencies, fees, special assessments, and penalties assessed against real property owned by this state, regardless of whether the state owned the property on the assessment date for which the property taxes, delinquencies, fees, special assessments, or penalties are imposed and regardless of when the state acquired the property, if a petition requesting that the department cancel the taxes is submitted by:

(1) the governor; or

(2) the chief administrative officer of the state agency which supervises the real property.

However, if the petition is submitted by the chief administrative officer of a state agency, the governor must approve the petition. In addition, the cancellation of any property taxes, delinquencies, fees, special assessments, or penalties under this subsection does not affect the liability of any person that is personally liable for the property taxes before the date the state acquired the property.

(c) If property taxes are canceled under subsection (a) or (b), any lien on the real property shall be released and canceled to the extent the lien covers any property taxes, delinquencies, fees, special assessments, or penalties that were assessed against the real property before or after the county, township, city, town, body corporate and politic established under IC 8-10-5-2(a), or state became the owner of the real property.

(d) The department of local government finance may compromise the amount of property taxes, together with any interest or penalties on those taxes, assessed against the fixed or distributable property owned by a bankrupt railroad, which is under the jurisdiction of:

(1) a federal court under 11 U.S.C. 1163;

(2) Chapter X of the Acts of Congress Relating to Bankruptcy (11 U.S.C. 701-799); or

(3) a comparable bankruptcy law.

(e) After making a compromise under subsection (d) and after receiving payment of the compromised amount, the department of local government finance shall distribute to each county treasurer an amount equal to the product of:

(1) the compromised amount; multiplied by

(2) a fraction, the numerator of which is the total of the particular county's property tax levies against the railroad for the compromised years, and the denominator of which is the total of all property tax levies against the railroad for the compromised years.

(f) After making the distribution under subsection (e), the department of local government finance shall direct the auditors of each county to remove from the tax rolls the amount of all property taxes assessed against the bankrupt railroad for the compromised years.

(g) The county auditor of each county receiving money under subsection (e) shall allocate that money among the county's taxing districts. The auditor shall allocate to each taxing district an amount equal to the product of:

(1) the amount of money received by the county under subsection (e); multiplied by

(2) a fraction, the numerator of which is the total of the taxing district's property tax levies against the railroad for the compromised years, and the denominator of which is the total of all property tax levies against the railroad in that county for the compromised years.

(h) The money allocated to each taxing district shall be apportioned and distributed among the taxing units of that taxing district in the same manner and at the same time that property taxes are apportioned and distributed.

(i) The department of local government finance may, with the approval of the attorney general, compromise the amount of property taxes, together with any interest or penalties on those taxes, assessed against property owned by a person that has a case pending under state or federal bankruptcy law. Property taxes that are compromised under this section shall be distributed and allocated at the same time and in the same manner as regularly collected property taxes. The department of local government finance may compromise property taxes under this subsection only if:

(1) a petition is filed with the department of local government finance that requests the compromise and is signed and approved by the assessor, auditor, and treasurer of each county and the assessor of each township (if any) that is entitled to receive any

part of the compromised taxes;

(2) the compromise significantly advances the time of payment of the taxes; and

(3) the compromise is in the best interest of the state and the taxing units that are entitled to receive any part of the compromised taxes.

(j) A taxing unit that receives funds under this section is not required to include the funds in its budget estimate for any budget year which begins after the budget year in which it receives the funds.

(k) A county treasurer, with the consent of the county auditor and the county assessor, may compromise the amount of property taxes, interest, or penalties owed in a county by an entity that has a case pending under Title 11 of the United States Code (Bankruptcy Code) by accepting a single payment that must be at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the total amount owed in the county.

SECTION 66. IC 6-1.1-37-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.199-2016, SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020]: Sec. 7. (a) If a person fails to file a required personal property return on or before the due date, the county auditor shall add a penalty of twenty-five dollars ($25) to the person's next property tax installment. The county auditor shall also add an additional penalty to the taxes payable by the person if the person fails to file the personal property return within thirty (30) days after the due date. The amount of the additional penalty is twenty percent (20%) of the taxes finally determined to be due with respect to the personal property which should have been reported on the return.

(b) For purposes of this section, a personal property return is not due until the expiration of any extension period granted by the township or county assessor under IC 6-1.1-3-7(b).

(c) The penalties prescribed under this section do not apply to an individual or the individual's dependents if the individual:

(1) is in the military or naval forces of the United States on the assessment date; and

(2) is covered by the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. App. 501 et seq.) or IC 10-16-20.

(d) If a person subject to IC 6-1.1-3-7(c) fails to include on a personal property return the information, if any, that the department of local government finance requires under IC 6-1.1-3-9 or IC 6-1.1-5-13, the county auditor shall add a penalty to the property tax installment next due for the return. The amount of the penalty is twenty-five dollars ($25).

(e) If the total assessed value that a person reports on a personal

property return is less than the total assessed value that the person is required by law to report and if the amount of the undervaluation exceeds five percent (5%) of the value that should have been reported on the return, then the county auditor shall add a penalty of twenty percent (20%) of the additional taxes finally determined to be due as a result of the undervaluation. The penalty shall be added to the property tax installment next due for the return on which the property was undervalued. If a person has complied with all of the requirements for claiming a deduction, an exemption, or an adjustment for abnormal obsolescence, then the increase in assessed value that results from a denial of the deduction, exemption, or adjustment for abnormal obsolescence is not considered to result from an undervaluation for purposes of this subsection.

(f) If a person required by IC 6-1.1-3-7.2(e) to indicate on the taxpayer's personal property tax return or, for purposes of the January 1, 2016, assessment date, on the taxpayer's certification under IC 6-1.1-3-7.2(f) that the taxpayer's business personal property is exempt fails to timely file either the taxpayer's personal property tax return with the indication or, for purposes of the January 1, 2016, assessment date, the certification, the county auditor shall impose a penalty of twenty-five dollars ($25) that must be paid by the person with the next property tax installment that is collected. **A county shall include the penalty on a property tax bill associated with the tax district in which the majority value of the taxpayer's business personal property within the county is located, as determined by the county assessor.**

(g) A penalty is due with an installment under subsection (a), (d), (e), or (f) whether or not an appeal is filed under IC 6-1.1-15-5 with respect to the tax due on that installment.

SECTION 67. IC 6-1.1-39-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.4-2005, SECTION 45, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 3. (a) The fiscal body shall publish notice of the adoption and substance of the ordinance in accordance with IC 5-3-1 after:

(1) the adoption of the ordinance under section 2 of this chapter; and

(2) the fiscal body receives preliminary certification from the Indiana economic development corporation under section 2.5 of this chapter that the proposed industrial development project qualifies as a qualified industrial development project and that there is a reasonable likelihood that a loan from the industrial development fund will be approved under IC 5-28-9-12.

The notice must state the general boundaries of the area designated as an economic development district and must state that written remonstrances may be filed with the fiscal body until the time designated for the hearing. The notice must also name the place, date, and time when the fiscal body will receive and hear remonstrances and objections from persons interested in or affected by the proceedings pertaining to the proposed economic development district designation and will determine the public utility and benefit of the proposed economic development district designation. All persons affected in any manner by the hearing, including all taxpayers of the economic development district, shall be considered notified of the pendency of the hearing and of subsequent acts, hearings, adjournments, and orders of the fiscal body affecting the economic development district if the fiscal body gives the notice required by this section.

(b) A copy of the notice of the hearing shall be filed with the office of the unit's plan commission, board of zoning appeals, works board, park board, building commissioner, and any other departments, bodies, or officers of the unit having to do with unit planning, variances from zoning ordinances, land use, or the issuance of building permits.

(c) At the hearing, which may be recessed and reconvened from time to time, the fiscal body shall hear all persons interested in the proceedings and shall consider all written remonstrances and objections that have been filed. After considering the evidence presented, the fiscal body shall take final action determining the public utility and benefit of the proposed economic development district designation and confirming, modifying and confirming, or rescinding the ordinance. The final action taken by the fiscal body shall be recorded and is final and conclusive, except that an appeal may be taken in the manner prescribed by section 4 of this chapter.

(d) If the fiscal body confirms, or modifies and confirms, the ordinance, the fiscal body shall file a copy of the ordinance with both the auditor of the county in which the unit is located and the department, together with any supporting documents that are relevant to the computation of assessed values in the allocation area, within thirty (30) days after the date on which the fiscal body takes final action on the ordinance.

SECTION 68. IC 6-1.1-39-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.86-2018, SECTION 65, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 5. (a) A declaratory ordinance adopted under section 2 of this chapter and confirmed under section 3 of this chapter must include a provision with respect to the allocation and distribution of property taxes for the purposes and in the manner provided in this

section. The allocation provision must apply to the entire economic development district. The allocation provisions must require that any property taxes subsequently levied by or for the benefit of any public body entitled to a distribution of property taxes on taxable property in the economic development district be allocated and distributed as follows:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the proceeds of the taxes attributable to the lesser of:

(A) the assessed value of the property for the assessment date with respect to which the allocation and distribution is made; or

(B) the base assessed value;

shall be allocated to and, when collected, paid into the funds of the respective taxing units. However, if the effective date of the allocation provision of a declaratory ordinance is after March 1, 1985, and before January 1, 1986, and if an improvement to property was partially completed on March 1, 1985, the unit may provide in the declaratory ordinance that the taxes attributable to the assessed value of the property as finally determined for March 1, 1984, shall be allocated to and, when collected, paid into the funds of the respective taxing units.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, part or all of the property tax proceeds in excess of those described in subdivision (1), as specified in the declaratory ordinance, shall be allocated to the unit for the economic development district and, when collected, paid into a special fund established by the unit for that economic development district that may be used only to pay the principal of and interest on obligations owed by the unit under IC 4-4-8 (before its repeal) or IC 5-28-9 for the financing of industrial development programs in, or serving, that economic development district. The amount not paid into the special fund shall be paid to the respective units in the manner prescribed by subdivision (1).

(3) When the money in the fund is sufficient to pay all outstanding principal of and interest (to the earliest date on which the obligations can be redeemed) on obligations owed by the unit under IC 4-4-8 (before its repeal) or IC 5-28-9 for the financing of industrial development programs in, or serving, that economic development district, money in the special fund in excess of that amount shall be paid to the respective taxing units in the manner prescribed by subdivision (1).

(b) Property tax proceeds allocable to the economic development

district under subsection (a)(2) must, subject to subsection (a)(3), be irrevocably pledged by the unit for payment as set forth in subsection (a)(2).

(c) For the purpose of allocating taxes levied by or for any taxing unit or units, the assessed value of taxable property in a territory in the economic development district that is annexed by any taxing unit after the effective date of the allocation provision of the declaratory ordinance is the lesser of:

(1) the assessed value of the property for the assessment date with respect to which the allocation and distribution is made; or

(2) the base assessed value.

(d) Notwithstanding any other law, each assessor shall, upon petition of the fiscal body, reassess the taxable property situated upon or in, or added to, the economic development district effective on the next assessment date after the petition.

(e) Notwithstanding any other law, the assessed value of all taxable property in the economic development district, for purposes of tax limitation, property tax replacement, and formulation of the budget, tax rate, and tax levy for each political subdivision in which the property is located, is the lesser of:

(1) the assessed value of the property as valued without regard to this section; or

(2) the base assessed value.

(f) The state board of accounts and department of local government finance shall make the rules and prescribe the forms and procedures that they consider expedient for the implementation of this chapter. After each reassessment of a group of parcels under a reassessment plan prepared under IC 6-1.1-4-4.2 the department of local government finance shall adjust the base assessed value one (1) time to neutralize any effect of the reassessment on the property tax proceeds allocated to the district under this section. After each annual adjustment under IC 6-1.1-4-4.5, the department of local government finance shall adjust the base assessed value to neutralize any effect of the annual adjustment on the property tax proceeds allocated to the district under this section. However, the adjustments under this subsection may not include the effect of property tax abatements under IC 6-1.1-12.1.

(g) As used in this section, "property taxes" means:

(1) taxes imposed under this article on real property; and

(2) any part of the taxes imposed under this article on depreciable personal property that the unit has by ordinance allocated to the economic development district. However, the ordinance may not limit the allocation to taxes on depreciable personal property with

any particular useful life or lives.

If a unit had, by ordinance adopted before May 8, 1987, allocated to an economic development district property taxes imposed under IC 6-1.1 on depreciable personal property that has a useful life in excess of eight (8) years, the ordinance continues in effect until an ordinance is adopted by the unit under subdivision (2).

(h) As used in this section, "base assessed value" means, **subject to subsection (i):**

(1) the net assessed value of all the property as finally determined for the assessment date immediately preceding the effective date of the allocation provision of the declaratory resolution, as adjusted under subsection (f); plus

(2) to the extent that it is not included in subdivision (1), the net assessed value of property that is assessed as residential property under the rules of the department of local government finance, **within the economic development district,** as finally determined for ~~any~~ **the current** assessment date. ~~after the effective date of the allocation provision.~~

Subdivision (2) applies only to economic development districts established after June 30, 1997, and to additional areas established after June 30, 1997.

(i) If a fiscal body confirms, or modifies and confirms, an ordinance under section 3 of this chapter and the fiscal body makes either of the filings required under section 3(d) of this chapter after the first anniversary of the effective date of the allocation provision in the ordinance, the auditor of the county in which the unit is located shall compute the base assessed value for the allocation area using the assessment date immediately preceding the later of:

(1) the date on which the documents are filed with the county auditor; or

(2) the date on which the documents are filed with the department.

SECTION 69. IC 6-3.6-3-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.247-2017, SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 2. (a) An adopting body or, if authorized by this article, another governmental entity that is not an adopting body, may take an action under this article only by ordinance, unless this article permits the action to be taken by resolution.

(b) The department of local government finance, in consultation with the department of state revenue, may make electronically available uniform notices, ordinances, and resolutions that an adopting body or other governmental entity may use to take an action under this article.

An adopting body or other governmental entity may submit a proposed notice, ordinance, or resolution to the department of local government finance for review **not later than thirty (30) days prior to the date that the adopting body or governing body intends to submit the notice, adopting ordinance or resolution, and vote results on an ordinance or resolution under subsection (d).** The department of local government finance shall provide to the submitting entity a determination of the appropriateness of the proposed notice, ordinance, or resolution, including recommended modifications, within thirty (30) days of receiving the proposed notice, ordinance, or resolution.

(c) An ordinance or resolution adopted under this article must comply with the notice and hearing requirements set forth in IC 5-3-1.

(d) The department of local government finance shall prescribe the procedures to be used by the adopting body or governmental entity for submitting to the department the notice, the adopting ordinance or resolution, and the vote results on an ordinance or resolution. The department of local government finance shall notify the submitting entity within thirty (30) days after submission whether the department has received the necessary information required by the department. A final action taken by an adopting body or governmental entity under this article to impose a new tax or amend an existing tax is not effective until the department of local government finance notifies the adopting body or governmental entity that it has received the required information from the submitting entity.

SECTION 70. IC 6-3.6-6-2.7, AS ADDED BY P.L.184-2018, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 2.7. (a) A county fiscal body may adopt an ordinance to impose a tax rate for correctional facilities and rehabilitation facilities in the county. The tax rate must be in increments of one-hundredth of one percent (0.01%) and may not exceed two-tenths of one percent (0.2%). The tax rate may not be in effect for more than ~~twenty (20)~~ **twenty-two (22)** years. **If an ordinance is adopted after June 30, 2019, to impose a tax rate under this section, not more than twenty percent (20%) of the revenue from the tax rate under this section may be used for operating expenses for correctional facilities and rehabilitation facilities in the county.**

(b) The revenue generated by a tax rate imposed under this section must be distributed directly to the county before the remainder of the expenditure rate revenue is distributed. The revenue shall be maintained in a separate dedicated county fund and used by the county only for paying for correctional facilities and rehabilitation facilities in

the county.

SECTION 71. IC 6-3.6-9-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.184-2016, SECTION 22, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019 (RETROACTIVE)]: Sec. 5. (a) Before August 2 of each calendar year, ~~before 2018, and before June 1 of each calendar year after 2017,~~ the budget agency shall provide to the department of local government finance and the county auditor of each adopting county an estimate of the amount determined under section 4 of this chapter that will be distributed to the county, based on known tax rates. Not later than fifteen (15) days after receiving the estimate of the certified distribution, ~~for calendar years before 2018, and not later than July 1 of each year, for calendar years after 2017,~~ the department of local government finance shall determine for each taxing unit and notify the county auditor of the estimated amount of property tax credits, school distributions, public safety revenue, economic development revenue, certified shares, and special purpose revenue that will be distributed to the taxing unit under this chapter during the ensuing calendar year. Not later than thirty (30) days after receiving the department's estimate, the county auditor shall notify each taxing unit of the amounts estimated for the taxing unit.

(b) Before October 1 of each calendar year, the budget agency shall certify to the department of local government finance and the county auditor of each adopting county:

(1) the amount determined under section 4 of this chapter; and

(2) the amount of interest in the county's account that has accrued and has not been included in a certification made in a preceding year.

The amount certified is the county's certified distribution for the immediately succeeding calendar year. The amount certified shall be adjusted, as necessary, under sections 6, 7, and 8 of this chapter. Not later than fifteen (15) days after receiving the amount of the certified distribution, the department of local government finance shall determine for each taxing unit and notify the county auditor of the certified amount of property tax credits, school distributions, public safety revenue, economic development revenue, certified shares, and special purpose revenue that will be distributed to the taxing unit under this chapter during the ensuing calendar year. Not later than thirty (30) days after receiving the department's estimate, the county auditor shall notify each taxing unit of the certified amounts for the taxing unit.

SECTION 72. IC 6-3.6-9-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.197-2016, SECTION 66, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019 (RETROACTIVE)]: Sec. 9. The budget agency

shall provide the adopting body with an informative summary of the calculations used to determine the certified distribution. The summary of calculations must include:

(1) the amount reported on individual income tax returns processed by the department during the previous fiscal year;

(2) adjustments for over distributions in prior years;

(3) adjustments for clerical or mathematical errors in prior years; **and**

(4) adjustments for tax rate changes. ~~and~~

~~(5) the amount of excess account balances to be distributed under section 15 of this chapter.~~

SECTION 73. IC 6-3.6-9-15, AS AMENDED BY P.L.126-2016, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019 (RETROACTIVE)]: Sec. 15. (a) If the budget agency determines that the balance in a county trust account exceeds fifteen percent (15%) of the certified distributions to be made to the county in the determination year, the budget agency shall make a supplemental distribution to the county from the county's trust account. The budget agency shall use the trust account balance as of December 31 of the year that precedes the determination year by two (2) years (referred to as the "trust account balance year" in this section).

(b) A supplemental distribution described in subsection (a) must be:

(1) made at the same time as the determinations are provided to the county auditor under subsection ~~(d)(2),~~ **(d)(3);** and

(2) allocated in the same manner as certified distributions for the purposes described in this article.

(c) The amount of a supplemental distribution described in subsection (a) is equal to the amount by which:

(1) the balance in the county trust account; minus

(2) the amount of any supplemental or special distribution that has not yet been accounted for in the last known balance of the county's trust account;

exceeds fifteen percent (15%) of the certified distributions to be made to the county in the determination year.

(d) For a county that qualifies for a supplemental distribution under this section in a year, the following apply:

(1) Before February 15, the budget agency shall update the information described in section 9 of this chapter to include the excess account balances to be distributed under this section.

~~(1)~~ **(2)** Before May 2, the budget agency shall provide the amount of the supplemental distribution for the county to the department

of local government finance and to the county auditor.

~~(2)~~ **(3)** The department of local government finance shall determine for the county and each taxing unit within the county:

(A) the amount and allocation of the supplemental distribution attributable to the taxes that were imposed as of December 31 of the trust account balance year, including any specific distributions for that year; and

(B) the amount of the allocation for each of the purposes set forth in this article, using the allocation percentages in effect in the trust account balance year.

The department of local government finance shall provide these determinations to the county auditor before May 16 of the determination year.

~~(3)~~ **(4)** Before June 1, the county auditor shall distribute to each taxing unit the amount of the supplemental distribution that is allocated to the taxing unit under subdivision ~~(2).~~ **(3).**

For determinations before 2019, the tax rates in effect under and the allocation methods specified in the former income tax laws shall be used for the determinations under subdivision ~~(2).~~ **(3).**

(e) For any part of a supplemental distribution attributable to property tax credits under a former income tax or IC 6-3.6-5, the adopting body for the county may allocate the supplemental distribution to property tax credits for not more than the three (3) years after the year the supplemental distribution is received.

(f) Any income earned on money held in a trust account established for a county under this chapter shall be deposited in that trust account.

SECTION 74. IC 6-3.6-9-18, AS ADDED BY P.L.199-2017, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 18. (a) This section applies only to Clark County.

(b) Notwithstanding section 5 of this chapter, when determining ~~the~~ **any** allocation amount, ~~and~~ **except for** the economic development revenue allocation, for each taxing unit in the county:

(1) in 2019, one hundred percent (100%) of the increase in the county's maximum permissible tax levy permitted under IC 6-1.1-18.5-13.8 shall be excluded;

(2) in 2020, sixty-six and sixty-seven hundredths percent (66.67%) of the increase in the county's maximum permissible tax levy permitted under IC 6-1.1-18.5-13.8 shall be excluded; and

(3) in 2021, thirty-three and thirty-three hundredths percent (33.33%) of the increase in the county's maximum permissible tax levy permitted under IC 6-1.1-18.5-13.8 shall be excluded.

(c) This section expires June 30, 2022.

SECTION 75. IC 6-8.1-3-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.73-2017, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 11. (a) As used in this section, "secure electronic delivery service" means a service that:

(1) employs security procedures to provide, send, deliver, or otherwise communicate electronic records to the intended recipient using:

(A) security methods such as passwords, encryption, and matching electronic addresses to United States postal addresses; or

(B) other security methods that are consistent with applicable law or industry standards; and

(2) operates subject to the applicable requirements of the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act (15 U.S.C. 7001 et seq.). ~~or IC 5-24.~~

(b) When a statute specifies that the department is required to send a document by mail, and the particular statute is silent as to the class or type of mailing to be used, the department satisfies the mailing requirement by mailing the document through any of the following methods:

(1) United States first-class mail;

(2) United States registered mail, return receipt requested;

(3) United States certified mail;

(4) a certificate of mailing; or

(5) a secure electronic delivery service, if the use of the secure electronic delivery service is authorized under IC 6-8.1-6-7(b).

Subject to IC 6-8.1-6-7(b), the choice of the method is at the department's discretion.

(c) The department may use any form of mailing in cases where a mailing is not required by statute.

(d) The department shall adopt rules, guidelines, or other instructions that set forth the procedures that department employees are required to follow in sending a document that provides notice to a taxpayer by mail under any of the methods described in subsection (b). The procedures must include at least the following instructions:

(1) The date contained in the document must not precede the date of the mailing.

(2) Each mailing of a document must be recorded in department records, noting the date and time of the mailing.

SECTION 76. IC 6-8.1-3-26 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: **Sec. 26. The department shall, before September 1 of each**

year, submit a report to the interim study committee on fiscal policy established by IC 2-5-1.3-4 summarizing the department's systems modifications concerning geographic information systems mapping of local income tax collection for purposes of allocating local income tax based on the residency of a taxpayer.

SECTION 77. IC 8-1.5-3-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 4. (a) The board has general supervisory powers over the utilities under its control, with responsibility for the detailed supervision of each utility to be vested in its superintendent, who is responsible to the board for the business and technical operation of the utility. The board shall:

(1) fix the number and compensation of employees;

(2) adopt rules governing the appointment of employees including making proper classifications and rules to:

(A) determine the eligibility of applicants;

(B) determine by competitive examination the relative fitness of applicants for positions;

(C) establish eligible lists arranged according to the ratings secured;

(D) provide for the appointment of those having the highest ratings; and

(E) provide for the promotion of employees;

(3) subject to IC 36-4-9-2, appoint a superintendent or manager of each utility under its control who is responsible to the board for the business and technical operation of the utility; the board shall make the appointment on the basis of fitness to manage the particular utility to which he is to be assigned, taking into account his executive ability and his knowledge of the utility industry;

(4) subject to IC 36-4-9-12, hire attorneys when required for the operation of the utility;

(5) hire professional or expert personnel when required for the operation of the utility;

(6) submit a budget of its financial needs for the next year in the detail required by the municipal legislative body;

(7) recommend to the legislative body reasonable and just rates and charges for services to the patrons of each utility;

(8) appropriate, lease, rent, purchase, and hold all real and personal property of the utility;

(9) enter upon lands for the purpose of surveying or examining the land to determine the location of any plant or appurtenances;

(10) award contracts for:

(A) the purchase of capital equipment;

(B) the construction of capital improvements; or

(C) other property or purposes that are necessary for the full and efficient construction, management, and operation of each utility;

(11) adopt rules for the safe, economical, and efficient management and protection of each utility;

(12) deposit at least weekly with the municipal fiscal officer all money collected from each utility to be kept in a separate fund subject to the order of the board; and

(13) make monthly reports to the fiscal officer of the receipts and disbursements of money belonging to each utility and an annual report of the condition of the utility.

(b) The board may purchase by contract electricity, water, gas, power, or any other commodity or service for the purpose of furnishing the commodity or service to the patrons of the municipally owned utility or to the municipality itself.

(c) If the board wants to purchase the commodity or service from a public utility and the parties cannot agree on a rate or charge to be paid for it, either party may apply to the commission or other appropriate state or federal regulatory agency to establish a fair and reasonable rate or charge to be paid for the commodity or service.

(d) The board may discontinue water service by a waterworks to:

(1) a water consumer; or

(2) any property;

upon failure by the water consumer or the property owner to pay charges legally due for sewer or sewage disposal plant service. However, the water service may not be discontinued for nonpayment of sewer or sewage disposal plant service charges until the charges have been due and unpaid for at least ~~thirty (30) days.~~ **the time fixed by the board governing the sewer or sewage disposal plant service.**

(e) Before water service is discontinued under subsection (d), the board must give written notice to the water consumer or property owner of its intention to discontinue water service if the unpaid sewer or sewage disposal plant service charges are not paid before a date specified in the notice. The notice must be mailed not less than ten (10) days before water service is to be discontinued and addressed to the water consumer or the property owner at ~~his~~ **the consumer's or owner's** last known address.

SECTION 78. IC 8-18-21-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2008, SECTION 363, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 13. The annual operating budget of a toll road authority is subject to

~~(1) review by the county board of tax adjustment; and~~

~~(2)~~ review by the department of local government finance

as in the case of other political subdivisions.

SECTION 79. IC 8-22-3-23, AS AMENDED BY P.L.182-2009(ss), SECTION 269, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 23. (a) The board shall annually prepare a budget for the purpose of operating and maintenance expenditures of the authority and shall calculate the tax levy necessary to provide funds for the operating expenditures necessary to carry out the powers, duties, and functions of the authority. The budget must be prepared and submitted:

(1) before or at the same time;

(2) in the same manner; and

(3) with notice;

as provided by the statutes relating to the preparation of budgets by eligible entities. The budget is subject to the same review by ~~the county tax adjustment board and~~ the department of local government finance as exists under the general statutes relating to budgets of eligible entities.

(b) If the eligible entity that established the authority is a county, city, or town, the fiscal body of that entity may review and modify the authority's operating and maintenance budget and the tax levy to meet it, in the same manner as the budgets and tax levies of executive departments of that entity are reviewed and modified. This power includes the power to reduce any item of salary.

(c) Whenever a tax levy is required to finance the budget of an authority that was established by a city or town, the fiscal body of the county also may review the budget and tax levy of the authority, unless the district:

(1) lies wholly within, or coincides with, the boundaries of a city or town;

(2) is not the recipient of funds from a county-wide tax levy made specifically for the operating and maintenance budget for that authority; and

(3) was established by the fiscal body of the city or town, acting independently.

However, the budget and tax levy of the authority are subject to review or modification by the fiscal body of the city or town with which it shares territory, in the same manner as the budgets and tax levies of the executive departments of that city or town are reviewed or modified.

(d) If an authority was established by another eligible entity or by two (2) or more eligible entities acting jointly, its operating and

maintenance budget and the tax levy to meet it is subject to review and modification by the same body that reviews and modifies the budget of each of those entities in the same manner as the budgets and tax levies of those entities, including reduction of any item of salary.

(e) This subsection applies only to the airport authority established by the city of Gary. The following provisions apply if the board enters into a lease, management agreement, or other contract under an application approved by the Federal Aviation Administration under which the lessee or other operator agrees to lease, manage, or operate all or substantially all of the airport and its landing fields, air navigation facilities, and other buildings and structures owned by the authority:

(1) The board shall, to the extent permitted by federal law or any grant agreement, make distributions to the city of Gary from the payments received under the lease, management agreement, or other contract.

(2) The distributions to the city of Gary shall be made in installments and on the dates determined by the fiscal body of the city, and shall be paid to the fiscal officer of the city for deposit in the city's general fund.

(3) Money distributed to the city of Gary under this subsection may be used for any legal or corporate purpose of the city and may not be used to reduce the city's maximum levy under IC 6-1.1-18.5, but may be used at the discretion of the city fiscal body to reduce the property tax levy of the city for a particular year.

(f) The general assembly finds the following:

(1) The city of Gary faces:

(A) unique and distinct challenges due to high levels of unemployment, the character and occupancy of real estate, and the general economic conditions of the community; and

(B) unique and distinct opportunities related to transportation and economic development;

that are different in scope and type than those faced by other units of local government in Indiana.

(2) A unique approach is required to fully take advantage of the economic development potential of the city of Gary, the Gary/Chicago International Airport, and the Lake Michigan shoreline.

(3) The powers and responsibilities provided to the airport authority established by the city of Gary by subsection (e) and the other provisions of this chapter are appropriate and necessary to

carry out the public purposes of encouraging economic development and further facilitating the provision of air transportation services and economic development projects in the city of Gary.

(4) The exercise of the powers and responsibilities granted to the airport authority established by the city of Gary by subsection (e) and the other provisions of this chapter is critical to economic development not only in the city of Gary, but throughout northwest Indiana, and is a public purpose.

(5) Economic development benefits the health and welfare of the people of Indiana, is a public use and purpose for which public money may be spent, and is of public utility and benefit.

SECTION 80. IC 8-22-3.5-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 6. (a) After adoption of the resolution under section 5 of this chapter, the commission shall:

(1) publish notice of the adoption and substance of the resolution in accordance with IC 5-3-1; and

(2) file the following information with each taxing unit that has authority to levy property taxes in the geographic area where the airport development zone is located:

(A) A copy of the notice required by subdivision (1).

(B) A statement disclosing the impact of the airport development zone, including the following:

(i) The estimated economic benefits and costs incurred by the airport development zone, as measured by increased employment and anticipated growth of real property assessed values.

(ii) The anticipated impact on tax revenues of each taxing unit.

The notice must state the general boundaries of the area designated as an airport development zone and must state that written remonstrances may be filed with the commission until the time designated for the hearing. The notice must also name the place, date, and time when the commission will receive and hear remonstrances and objections from persons interested in or affected by the proceedings pertaining to the proposed airport development zone designation and will determine the public utility and benefit of the proposed airport development zone designation. The commission shall file the information required by subdivision (2) with the officers of the taxing unit who are authorized to fix budgets, tax rates, and tax levies under IC 6-1.1-17-5 at least ten (10) days before the date of the public hearing. All persons affected in any manner by the hearing, including all taxpayers within the taxing

district of the airport authority, shall be considered notified of the pendency of the hearing and of subsequent acts, hearings, adjournments, and orders of the commission affecting the airport development zone if the commission gives the notice required by this section.

(b) At the hearing, which may be recessed and reconvened from time to time, the commission shall hear all persons interested in the proceedings and shall consider all written remonstrances and objections that have been filed. After considering the evidence presented, the commission shall take final action determining the public utility and benefit of the proposed airport development zone designation and confirming, modifying and confirming, or rescinding the resolution. The final action taken by the commission shall be recorded and is final and conclusive, except that an appeal may be taken in the manner prescribed by section 7 of this chapter.

(c) If the commission confirms, or modifies and confirms, the resolution, the commission shall file a copy of the resolution with both the auditor of the county in which the airport development zone is located and the department of local government finance, together with any supporting documents that are relevant to the computation of assessed values in the airport development zone, within thirty (30) days after the date on which the commission takes final action on the resolution.

SECTION 81. IC 8-22-3.5-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.203-2011, SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 9. (a) As used in this section, "base assessed value" means, **subject to subsection (k):**

(1) the net assessed value of all the tangible property as finally determined for the assessment date immediately preceding the effective date of the allocation provision of the commission's resolution adopted under section 5 or 9.5 of this chapter, notwithstanding the date of the final action taken under section 6 of this chapter; plus

(2) to the extent it is not included in subdivision (1), the net assessed value of property that is assessed as residential property under the rules of the department of local government finance, **within the airport development zone,** as finally determined for ~~any~~ **the current** assessment date. ~~after the effective date of the allocation provision.~~

However, subdivision (2) applies only to an airport development zone established after June 30, 1997, and the portion of an airport development zone established before June 30, 1997, that is added to an

existing airport development zone.

(b) A resolution adopted under section 5 of this chapter and confirmed under section 6 of this chapter must include a provision with respect to the allocation and distribution of property taxes for the purposes and in the manner provided in this section.

(c) The allocation provision must:

(1) apply to the entire airport development zone; and

(2) require that any property tax on taxable tangible property subsequently levied by or for the benefit of any public body entitled to a distribution of property taxes in the airport development zone be allocated and distributed as provided in subsections (d) and (e).

(d) Except as otherwise provided in this section:

(1) the proceeds of the taxes attributable to the lesser of:

(A) the assessed value of the tangible property for the assessment date with respect to which the allocation and distribution is made; or

(B) the base assessed value;

shall be allocated and, when collected, paid into the funds of the respective taxing units; and

(2) the excess of the proceeds of the property taxes imposed for the assessment date with respect to which the allocation and distribution are made that are attributable to taxes imposed after being approved by the voters in a referendum or local public question conducted after April 30, 2010, not otherwise included in subdivision (1) shall be allocated to and, when collected, paid into the funds of the taxing unit for which the referendum or local public question was conducted.

(e) All of the property tax proceeds in excess of those described in subsection (d) shall be allocated to the eligible entity for the airport development zone and, when collected, paid into special funds as follows:

(1) The commission may determine that a portion of tax proceeds shall be allocated to a training grant fund to be expended by the commission without appropriation solely for the purpose of reimbursing training expenses incurred by public or private entities in the training of employees for the qualified airport development project.

(2) The commission may determine that a portion of tax proceeds shall be allocated to a debt service fund and dedicated to the payment of principal and interest on revenue bonds or a loan contract of the board of aviation commissioners or airport

authority for a qualified airport development project, to the payment of leases for a qualified airport development project, or to the payment of principal and interest on bonds issued by an eligible entity to pay for qualified airport development projects in the airport development zone or serving the airport development zone.

(3) The commission may determine that a part of the tax proceeds shall be allocated to a project fund and used to pay expenses incurred by the commission for a qualified airport development project that is in the airport development zone or is serving the airport development zone.

(4) Except as provided in subsection (f), all remaining tax proceeds after allocations are made under subdivisions (1), (2), and (3) shall be allocated to a project fund and dedicated to the reimbursement of expenditures made by the commission for a qualified airport development project that is in the airport development zone or is serving the airport development zone.

(f) Before July 15 of each year, the commission shall do the following:

(1) Determine the amount, if any, by which tax proceeds allocated to the project fund in subsection (e)(3) in the following year will exceed the amount necessary to satisfy amounts required under subsection (e).

(2) Provide a written notice to the county auditor and the officers who are authorized to fix budgets, tax rates, and tax levies under IC 6-1.1-17-5 for each of the other taxing units that is wholly or partly located within the allocation area. The notice must:

(A) state the amount, if any, of excess tax proceeds that the commission has determined may be allocated to the respective taxing units in the manner prescribed in subsection (d)(1); or

(B) state that the commission has determined that there are no excess tax proceeds that may be allocated to the respective taxing units in the manner prescribed in subsection (d)(1).

The county auditor shall allocate to the respective taxing units the amount, if any, of excess tax proceeds determined by the commission.

(g) When money in the debt service fund and in the project fund is sufficient to pay all outstanding principal and interest (to the earliest date on which the obligations can be redeemed) on revenue bonds issued by the board of aviation commissioners or airport authority for the financing of qualified airport development projects, all lease rentals payable on leases of qualified airport development projects, and all

costs and expenditures associated with all qualified airport development projects, money in the debt service fund and in the project fund in excess of those amounts shall be paid to the respective taxing units in the manner prescribed by subsection (d)(1).

(h) Property tax proceeds allocable to the debt service fund under subsection (e)(2) must, subject to subsection (g), be irrevocably pledged by the eligible entity for the purpose set forth in subsection (e)(2).

(i) Notwithstanding any other law, each assessor shall, upon petition of the commission, reassess the taxable tangible property situated upon or in, or added to, the airport development zone effective on the next assessment date after the petition.

(j) Notwithstanding any other law, the assessed value of all taxable tangible property in the airport development zone, for purposes of tax limitation, property tax replacement, and formulation of the budget, tax rate, and tax levy for each political subdivision in which the property is located is the lesser of:

(1) the assessed value of the tangible property as valued without regard to this section; or

(2) the base assessed value.

(k) If the commission confirms, or modifies and confirms, a resolution under section 6 of this chapter and the commission makes either of the filings required under section 6(c) of this chapter after the first anniversary of the effective date of the allocation provision, the auditor of the county in which the airport development zone is located shall compute the base assessed value for the allocation area using the assessment date immediately preceding the later of:

(1) the date on which the documents are filed with the county auditor; or

(2) the date on which the documents are filed with the department of local government finance.

SECTION 82. IC 12-29-2-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.76-2018, SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019 (RETROACTIVE)]: Sec. 2. (a) A county shall provide funding for the operation of community mental health centers in the amount determined under subsection (b) or, in the case of Marion County for calendar year 2019, calendar year 2020, and calendar year 2021, the amount determined under subsection (c).

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), the amount of funding under subsection (a) for a calendar year is ~~the result~~ equal to **the following:**

(1) The county's maximum appropriation amount for the operation of community mental health centers determined under this chapter in the previous calendar year, if the STEP THREE result under the following formula is less than or equal to zero (0):

STEP ONE: Determine the amount of the certified levy for funds subject to the civil maximum levy in the immediately preceding calendar year minus the amount of credits granted under IC 6-1.1-20.6 that were allocated to funds subject to the civil maximum levy in the immediately preceding calendar year, as determined by the department of local government finance under IC 6-1.1-20.6-11.

STEP TWO: Determine the amount of the certified levy for funds subject to the civil maximum levy in the year prior to the immediately preceding calendar year minus the amount of credits granted under IC 6-1.1-20.6 that were allocated to funds subject to the civil maximum levy in the year prior to the immediately preceding calendar year, as determined by the department of local government finance under IC 6-1.1-20.6-11.

STEP THREE: Determine the remainder of the STEP ONE amount minus the STEP TWO amount.

~~(1)~~ **(2) If the STEP THREE result under the formula in subdivision (1) is greater than zero (0), then** the county's maximum appropriation amount for the operation of community mental health centers determined under this chapter in the previous calendar year, multiplied by **the greater of:**

~~(2) the greater of:~~

(A) one (1); or

(B) the result of **STEP SIX of the following formula:**

~~(i) the amount of the county's general fund property tax levy that was imposed in the previous calendar year, minus the amount of credits granted under IC 6-1.1-20.6 that were allocated to the county general fund in the previous calendar year; divided by~~

~~(ii) the amount of the county's general fund property tax levy that was imposed in the year preceding the previous calendar year, minus the amount of credits granted under IC 6-1.1-20.6 that were allocated to the county general fund in the year preceding the previous calendar year.~~

STEP ONE: Determine the assessed value growth quotient for the year under IC 6-1.1-18.5 minus one (1).

STEP TWO: Determine the amount of the certified levy for funds subject to the civil maximum levy in the immediately preceding calendar year minus the amount of credits granted under IC 6-1.1-20.6 that were allocated to funds subject to the civil maximum levy in the immediately preceding calendar year, as determined by the department of local government finance under IC 6-1.1-20.6-11.

STEP THREE: Determine the amount of the certified levy for funds subject to the civil maximum levy in the immediately preceding calendar year.

STEP FOUR: Determine the result of the STEP TWO amount divided by the STEP THREE amount.

STEP FIVE: Determine the product of the STEP ONE amount multiplied by the STEP FOUR result.

STEP SIX: Determine the STEP FIVE amount plus one (1).

The department of local government finance shall verify the maximum appropriation calculation under this subsection as part of the certification of the county's budget under IC 6-1.1-17. **For taxes due and payable in 2020, the department of local government finance shall calculate the maximum appropriation under this subsection as if the taxes were due and payable in 2019.**

(c) This subsection applies only in calendar year 2019, calendar year 2020, and calendar year 2021. In the case of Marion County, the amount of funding under subsection (a) for a calendar year is determined under this subsection and is equal to the following:

(1) For calendar year 2019, the sum of:

(A) the actual amount of the appropriations by the county for community mental health centers under this chapter in 2018; plus

(B) the result of thirty-three percent (33%) multiplied by the result of:

(i) the amount that would have, except for the application of this subsection, applied to the county under subsection (b) for calendar year 2019; minus

(ii) the actual amount of the appropriations by the county for community mental health centers under this chapter in 2018.

(2) For calendar year 2020, the sum of:

(A) the actual amount of the appropriations by the county for community mental health centers under this chapter in 2019; plus

(B) the result of sixty-six percent (66%) multiplied by the result of:

(i) the amount that would have, except for the application of this subsection, applied to the county under subsection (b) for calendar year 2020; minus

(ii) the actual amount of the appropriations by the county for community mental health centers under this chapter in 2019.

(3) For calendar year 2021, the amount that would have, except for the application of this subsection, applied to the county under subsection (b) for calendar year 2021.

The department of local government finance shall verify the maximum appropriation calculation under this subsection as part of the certification of the county's budget under IC 6-1.1-17. This subsection expires January 1, 2022.

(d) The funding provided by a county under this section shall be used solely for:

(1) the operations of community mental health centers serving the county; or

(2) contributing to the nonfederal share of medical assistance payments to community mental health centers serving the county.

SECTION 83. IC 13-18-15-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.228-2015, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 2. (a) The persons involved shall negotiate the terms for connection and service under this chapter.

(b) If service is ordered under this chapter, a receiver of that service that is located in an unincorporated area may grant a waiver to a municipality providing the service. A waiver under this section:

(1) must waive the receiver's right of remonstrance against annexation of the areas in which the service is to be provided; and

(2) may be one (1) of the terms for connection and service described in subsection (a).

(c) The waiver, if granted:

(1) shall be noted on the deed of each property affected and recorded as provided by law; and

(2) is considered a covenant running with the land.

~~(d) Notwithstanding any other law, a waiver of the right of remonstrance executed after June 30, 2015, expires not later than fifteen (15) years after the date the waiver was executed.~~

~~(e)~~ **(d)** This subsection applies to any deed recorded after June 30, 2015. This subsection applies only to property that is subject to a remonstrance waiver. A municipality shall, within a reasonable time after the recording of a deed to property located within the

municipality, provide written notice to the property owner that a waiver of the right of remonstrance exists with respect to the property.

(e) A remonstrance waiver executed before July 1, 2003, is void. This subsection does not invalidate an annexation that was effective on or before July 1, 2019.

(f) A remonstrance waiver executed after June 30, 2003, and before July 1, 2019, is subject to the following:

(1) The waiver is void unless the waiver was recorded:

(A) before January 1, 2020; and

(B) with the county recorder of the county where the property subject to the waiver is located.

(2) A waiver that is not void under subdivision (1) expires not later than fifteen (15) years after the date the waiver is executed.

This subsection does not invalidate an annexation that was effective on or before July 1, 2019.

(g) A remonstrance waiver executed after June 30, 2019, is subject to the following:

(1) The waiver is void unless the waiver is recorded:

(A) not later than thirty (30) business days after the date the waiver was executed; and

(B) with the county recorder of the county where the property subject to the waiver is located.

(2) A waiver that is not void under subdivision (1) expires not later than fifteen (15) years after the date the waiver is executed.

This subsection does not invalidate an annexation that was effective on or before July 1, 2019.

SECTION 84. IC 14-27-6-46 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 46. (a) The board shall do the following:

(1) Annually prepare a budget for the operation and capital expenditures of the authority.

(2) Calculate the tax levy necessary to provide money for the operating expenditures necessary to carry out the powers, duties, and functions of the authority together with any capital expenditures that are included in the annual budget.

(b) The budget shall be prepared and submitted at the same time and in the same manner as provided by the statutes relating to the preparation of budgets by cities. The budget is subject to the same review by ~~the county tax adjustment board and~~ the department of local government finance as under the statutes relating to budgets of cities.

(c) The budgets and the tax levies are subject to review and modification by the fiscal body of a city and county within the district in the same manner as the budgets and tax levies of the executive departments of the city.

SECTION 85. IC 14-30-2-19, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2008, SECTION 426, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 19. The commission shall prepare an annual budget for the commission's operation and other expenditures under IC 6-1.1-17. ~~However, the annual budget is not subject to review and modification by the county board of tax adjustment of any county. Notwithstanding any other law, the budget of the commission shall be treated for all other purposes as if the appropriate county board of tax adjustment had approved the budget.~~

SECTION 86. IC 14-30-4-16, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2008, SECTION 427, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 16. (a) The commission shall prepare an annual budget for the commission's operation and other expenditures under IC 6-1.1-17. ~~The annual budget is subject to review and modification by the county board of tax adjustment of any participating county.~~

(b) The commission is not eligible for funding through the Wabash River heritage corridor commission established by IC 14-13-6-6.

SECTION 87. IC 14-33-9-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.255-2017, SECTION 31, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 1. (a) Except as provided in IC 6-1.1-17-20, the budget of a district:

(1) must be prepared and submitted:

(A) at the same time;

(B) in the same manner; and

(C) with notice;

as is required by statute for the preparation of budgets by municipalities; and

(2) if the district imposes a levy, is subject to the same review by

~~(A) the county board of tax adjustment; and~~

~~(B)~~ the department of local government finance

as is required by statute for the budgets of municipalities.

(b) If a district is established in more than one (1) county:

(1) except as provided in subsection (c), the budget shall be certified to the auditor of the county in which is located the court that had exclusive jurisdiction over the establishment of the district; and

(2) notice must be published in each county having land in the

district. Any taxpayer in the district is entitled to be heard before ~~the county board of tax adjustment and, after December 31, 2008,~~ the fiscal body of each county having jurisdiction.

(c) If one (1) of the counties in a district contains either a first or second class city located in whole or in part in the district, the budget:

(1) shall be certified to the auditor of that county; and

(2) is subject to review at the county level only by ~~the county board of tax adjustment and, after December 31, 2008,~~ the fiscal body of that county.

SECTION 88. IC 16-22-3-19 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 19. (a) This section applies to a medical care trust board appointed by a county executive to govern a nonexpendable trust fund established under section 17(j) or 18(e) of this chapter.

(b) The county executive may adopt an ordinance providing that the medical care trust board is subject to this section.

(c) After the effective date of an ordinance adopted under subsection (b), the medical care trust board may do the following:

(1) Approve and the treasurer may disburse payment of a claim against the trust for payment of hospital and medical services provided to an indigent person and reasonable administrative expenses, without the necessity of filing a claim with the county auditor for approval by the county executive.

(2) **Except as provided in section 19.5 of this chapter,** invest the funds of the trust:

(A) in accordance with IC 5-13-9 and guidelines adopted by the board under IC 5-13-9-1; and

(B) without being subject to guidelines adopted by the county executive under IC 5-13-9-1.

SECTION 89. IC 16-22-3-19.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: **Sec. 19.5. (a) This section applies to a county that before 1990 sold its hospital property and established a medical care trust board to hold the proceeds from the sale.**

(b) As used in this section, "trust board" refers to a medical care trust board established to hold the proceeds from the sale of a county hospital.

(c) The trust board shall contract with investment managers, investment advisors, investment counsel, trust companies, banks, or other finance professionals to assist the trust board in an investment program. Money held by the trust board must be invested in accordance with the terms of an investment policy

statement developed by the board of directors of the trust board with an investment advisor that:

(1) is approved by the board of directors; and

(2) complies with the diversification, risk management, and other fiduciary requirements common to the management of charitable trusts, including that the funds of the trust board must be invested according to the prudent investor rule. The investment policy statement must include the limitation on the investment in equities specified in subsection (e).

(d) Money held by the trust board:

(1) may be invested in any legal, marketable securities; and

(2) is not subject to any other investment limitations in the law, other than the limitations under this section and the limitations in the investment policy statement.

(e) The total amount of the funds invested by the trust board in equity securities under this section may not exceed fifty-five percent (55%) of the total value of the portfolio of funds invested by the trust board under this section. However:

(1) an investment that complies with this subsection when the investment is made remains legal even if a subsequent change in the value of the investment or a change in the value of the total portfolio of funds invested by the trust board causes the percentage of investments in equity securities to exceed the fifty-five percent (55%) limit on equity securities; and

(2) if the total amount of the funds invested by a trust board in equity securities exceeds the fifty-five percent (55%) limit on equity securities because of a change described in subdivision (1), the investments by the trust board must be rebalanced to comply with the fifty-five percent (55%) limit on equity investments not later than one hundred twenty (120) days after the equity investments first exceed that limit.

(f) The following apply to the trust board:

(1) The trust board must be audited annually by an independent third party auditor.

(2) The board of directors of the trust board must meet at least quarterly to receive a quarterly compliance and performance update from the investment advisor.

(3) Three (3) nonvoting advisors who are officers of different county designated depositories shall attend the quarterly meetings in an advisory capacity to assist the board of directors of the trust board:

(A) in reviewing the compliance and performance report

from the investment advisor; and

(B) in reviewing the annual audit required by subdivision (1).

The three (3) nonvoting advisors may not vote on any action of the board of directors. The board of directors of the trust board shall by majority vote select the three (3) depositories from which the three (3) nonvoting advisors will be chosen. Each of the three (3) depositories selected under this subdivision shall select an officer of the depository to serve as one (1) of the three (3) nonvoting advisors. Each nonvoting advisor shall serve a term of three (3) years, and the nonvoting advisor shall continue to serve until a successor is selected. However, to provide for staggered terms, the board of directors of the trust board shall provide that the initial term of one (1) nonvoting advisor is one (1) year, the initial term of one (1) nonvoting advisor is two (2) years, and the initial term of one (1) nonvoting advisor is three (3) years. For purposes of avoiding a conflict of interest, a financial institution for which a nonvoting advisor is an officer (and any affiliate of such a financial institution) may not receive a commission or other compensation for investments made by the trust board under this section.

SECTION 90. IC 16-23-1-40 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 40. (a) The governing board may request a cumulative hospital building fund and a tax rate upon all taxable property in the county in which the hospital is located to finance the fund. If a resolution is approved by majority vote of all members at a regular or special board meeting, the resolution shall be certified to the county auditor, who shall submit the resolution to the county executive for preliminary approval and recommendation. Upon the approval of the county executive, the county auditor shall publish notice of a public hearing before the county council on the establishment of a cumulative hospital building fund and tax rate in each year.

(b) The cumulative building tax rate begins in any calendar year when all proceedings to establish the tax rate have been completed before August 2 in that year. The rate is levied on each one hundred dollars ($100) of taxable property for that year, payable in the next year, and continues each year for a term not exceeding twelve (12) years. The resolution of the board must specify the following:

(1) The number of years.

(2) The effective date when the tax levy begins.

(3) The amount of **the** rate on each one hundred dollars ($100) of taxable property.

(4) Any other pertinent facts considered advisable by the board.

(c) Except as provided in subsections (f) through (h), the rate on each one hundred dollars ($100) may be reduced but not increased by the department of local government finance in approving a cumulative building tax rate. The rate as finally fixed by the department of local government finance is final. However, the county fiscal body, by three-fourths (3/4) affirmative vote of the county fiscal body's members, may reduce the rate in any given year or years to meet an emergency existing in the county, but the temporary reduction affects the rate only in the year when the action is taken. The rate is automatically restored to the rate's original amount in each succeeding year of the established period except in any other year when another emergency reduction is made. The rate is subject to review each year by the county fiscal body, but the ~~county tax adjustment board and~~ department of local government finance may not reduce the rate below the original rate established and approved by vote of the county fiscal body unless the county fiscal body reduces the rate.

(d) The county fiscal body, city fiscal body, ~~county tax adjustment board,~~ or department of local government finance does not have power or jurisdiction over the annual budget and appropriations, additional appropriations, or transfer of money unless the action involves the expenditure or raising of money derived from property taxes. If the cumulative building fund is the only hospital fund raised by taxation, section 31 of this chapter controls.

(e) The cumulative building fund raised may be properly and safely invested or reinvested by the board to produce an income until there is an immediate need for the fund's use. The fund and any income derived from investment or reinvestment of the fund may be used as follows:

(1) To purchase real property and grounds for hospital purposes.

(2) To remodel or make major repairs on any hospital building.

(3) To erect and construct hospital buildings or additions or extensions to the buildings.

(4) For any other major capital improvements, but not for current operating expenses or to meet a deficiency in operating funds.

(f) Not later than August 1 of any year, ten (10) or more taxpayers in the county may file with the county auditor of the county in which the hospital is located a petition for reduction or rescission of the cumulative building tax rate. The petition must set forth the taxpayers' objections to the tax rate. The petition shall be certified to the department of local government finance.

(g) Upon receipt of a petition under subsection (f), the department of local government finance shall, within a reasonable time, fix a date for a hearing on the petition. The hearing must be held in the county in which the hospital is located. Notice of the hearing shall be given to the county fiscal body and to the first ten (10) taxpayers whose names appear on the petition. The notice must be in the form of a letter signed by the secretary or any member of the department of local government finance, sent by mail with full prepaid postage to the county fiscal body and to the taxpayers at their usual places of residence at least five (5) days before the date fixed for the hearing.

(h) After the hearing under subsection (g), the department of local government finance shall approve, disapprove, or modify the request for reduction or rescission of the tax rate and shall certify that decision to the county auditor of the county in which the hospital is located.

SECTION 91. IC 20-45-7-20, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2008, SECTION 492, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 20. (a) The county auditor shall compute the amount of the tax to be levied each year. Before August 2, the county auditor shall certify the amount to the county council.

(b) The tax rate shall be advertised and fixed by the county council in the same manner as other property tax rates. The tax rate shall be subject to all applicable law relating to review by ~~the county board of tax adjustment and~~ the department of local government finance.

(c) The department of local government finance shall certify the tax rate at the time it certifies the other county tax rates.

(d) The department of local government finance shall raise or lower the tax rate to the tax rate provided in this chapter, regardless of whether the certified tax rate is below or above the tax rate advertised by the county.

SECTION 92. IC 20-45-8-20, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2008, SECTION 493, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 20. The tax levy is subject to all laws concerning review by ~~the county board of tax adjustment and~~ the department of local government finance.

SECTION 93. IC 33-26-7-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.154-2006, SECTION 70, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 1. **(a)** ~~Subject to~~ **Notwithstanding** IC 4-6-2-11 **or** IC 4-6-5-3, ~~and the written approval of the attorney general,~~ a township assessor, a county assessor, a county auditor, a member of a county property tax assessment board of appeals, or a county property tax assessment board of appeals that:

(1) made an original determination that is the subject of a judicial

proceeding in the tax court; and

(2) is a defendant in a judicial proceeding in the tax court;

may elect to be represented in the judicial proceeding by an attorney selected and paid by the defendant, the township, or the county.

(b) For purposes of this section, a party identified in subsection (a) may elect to be represented by the office of the attorney general under a written agreement between the party and the office of the attorney general.

SECTION 94. IC 33-32-2-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.279-2013, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 9. (a) As used in this section, "training courses" refers to training courses related to the office of circuit court clerk that are compiled or developed by the Association of Indiana Counties and approved by the state board of accounts.

(b) An individual elected to the office of circuit court clerk ~~after November 2, 2010,~~ shall complete at least:

(1) fifteen (15) hours of training courses within one (1) year; and

(2) forty (40) hours of training courses within three (3) years;

after the individual is elected to the office of circuit court clerk.

(c) **An individual first elected to the office of circuit court clerk shall complete five (5) hours of newly elected official training courses before the individual first takes the office of circuit court clerk.** A training course that an individual completes

~~(1) after being elected to the office of circuit court clerk; and~~

~~(2) before the individual begins serving in the office of circuit court clerk;~~

under this subsection shall be counted toward the **individual's** requirements under subsection (b).

(d) An individual shall fulfill the training requirements established by subsection (b) for each term to which the individual is elected as circuit court clerk.

(e) The failure of an individual to complete the training required by this section does not prevent the individual from taking an office to which the individual was elected.

~~(c)~~ **(f)** This subsection applies only to an individual appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of circuit court clerk. An individual described in this subsection may, but is not required to, take training courses required by subsection (b). If an individual described in this subsection takes a training course required by subsection (b) for an elected circuit court clerk, the county shall pay for the training course as if the individual had been an elected circuit court clerk.

SECTION 95. IC 36-1-10-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.233-2015,

SECTION 329, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019 (RETROACTIVE)]: Sec. 7. (a) ~~Except as provided in subsection (b),~~ **As used in this section, "threshold amount" means two hundred fifty thousand dollars ($250,000).**

(b) This section does not apply if the total annual cost of the lease is less than the threshold amount.

(c) A leasing agent **for a political subdivision, other than a school corporation,** may not lease a structure, transportation project, or system unless:

(1) the leasing agent receives a petition signed by fifty (50) or more taxpayers of the political subdivision or agency; and

(2) the fiscal body of the political subdivision determines, after investigation, that the structure, transportation project, or system is needed.

~~(b) This subsection applies only to a school corporation. A leasing agent may not lease a structure, transportation project, or system unless the governing body of the school corporation determines, after investigation, that the structure, transportation project, or system is needed.~~

SECTION 96. IC 36-1-10-7.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019 (RETROACTIVE)]: **Sec. 7.5. (a) This section applies only to a school corporation.**

(b) A leasing agent may not lease a structure, transportation project, or system unless the governing body of the school corporation determines, after investigation, that the structure, transportation project, or system is needed.

SECTION 97. IC 36-1-10-14 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019 (RETROACTIVE)]: Sec. 14. **(a) As used in this section, "threshold amount" has the meaning set forth in section 7 of this chapter.**

(b) This section does not apply if the total annual cost of the lease is less than the threshold amount.

~~(a)~~ **(c)** If lease rentals are payable, in whole or in part, from property taxes, ten (10) or more taxpayers in the political subdivision who disagree with the execution of a lease under this chapter may file a petition in the office of the county auditor of the county in which the leasing agent is located, within thirty (30) days after publication of notice of the execution of the lease. The petition must state the taxpayer's objections and the reasons why the lease is unnecessary or unwise.

~~(b)~~ **(d)** The county auditor shall immediately certify a copy of the petition, together with other data necessary to present the questions involved, to the department of local government finance. Upon receipt of the certified petition and other data, the department of local government finance shall fix a time and place for the hearing of the matter. The hearing shall be held not less than five (5) nor more than thirty (30) days after the receipt of the certified documents.

~~(c)~~ **(e)** The hearing shall be held in the political subdivision where the petition arose.

~~(d)~~ **(f)** Notice of the hearing shall be given by the department of local government finance to the leasing agent and to the first ten (10) taxpayer petitioners listed on the petition by a letter signed by the commissioner or deputy commissioner of the department. The letter shall be sent to the first ten (10) taxpayer petitioners at their usual place of residence at least five (5) days before the date of the hearing. The decision by the department of local government finance on the objections presented in the petition is final.

SECTION 98. IC 36-1-10-22 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019 (RETROACTIVE)]: **Sec. 22. (a) This section applies only to a lease that meets all of the following:**

(1) The lease was entered into before January 1, 2019.

(2) The total annual cost of the lease is less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars ($250,000).

(3) Any one (1) of the following applies:

(A) The leasing agent did not comply with section 7(a) of this chapter (as in effect before January 1, 2019) before the lease was entered into.

(B) The leasing agent did not comply with section 14 of this chapter (as in effect before January 1, 2019) before the lease was entered into.

(C) The leasing agent did not comply with both section 7(a) of this chapter (as in effect before January 1, 2019) and section 14 of this chapter (as in effect before January 1, 2019) before the lease was entered into.

(b) A lease described in subsection (a) is valid, notwithstanding the failure of the leasing agent to comply with section 7(a) of this chapter (as in effect before January 1, 2019), section 14 of this chapter (as in effect before January 1, 2019), or both section 7(a) of this chapter (as in effect before January 1, 2019) and section 14 of this chapter (as in effect before January 1, 2019) before the lease was entered into.

(c) This section does not validate a lease described in subsection (a) for failures to comply with statutory requirements other than those set forth in section 7(a) of this chapter (as in effect before January 1, 2019) and section 14 of this chapter (as in effect before January 1, 2019).

SECTION 99. IC 36-1-14-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]. ~~Sec. 4. (a) This section applies to a county that before 1990 sold its hospital property and established a trust to hold the proceeds from the sale.~~

~~(b) As used in this section, "trust" refers to a charitable trust established to hold the proceeds from the sale of a county hospital.~~

~~(c) The trustees of a trust shall contract with investment managers, investment advisors, investment counsel, trust companies, banks, or other finance professionals to assist the trustees in an investment program. Money held by the trust must be invested in accordance with the terms of an investment policy statement developed by the trustees with an investment advisor that:~~

~~(1) is approved by the trustees; and~~

~~(2) complies with the diversification, risk management, and other fiduciary requirements common to the management of charitable trusts, including that the funds of the trust must be invested according to the prudent investor rule. However, the investment policy statement may not allow the trust to invest in any investments in which the political subdivision that established the trust is not permitted to invest under the Constitution of the State of Indiana. The investment policy statement must include the limitation on the investment in equities specified in subsection (e).~~

~~(d) Money held by the trust:~~

~~(1) may be invested in any legal, marketable securities; and~~

~~(2) is not subject to any other investment limitations in the law, other than the limitations under this section and the limitations in the investment policy statement.~~

~~(e) The total amount of the funds invested by a trust in equity securities under this section may not exceed fifty-five percent (55%) of the total value of the portfolio of funds invested by the trust under this section. However:~~

~~(1) an investment that complies with this subsection when the investment is made remains legal even if a subsequent change in the value of the investment or a change in the value of the total portfolio of funds invested by the trust causes the percentage of investments in equity securities to exceed the fifty-five percent~~

~~(55%) limit on equity securities; and~~

~~(2) if the total amount of the funds invested by a trust in equity securities exceeds the fifty-five percent (55%) limit on equity securities because of a change described in subdivision (1), the investments by the trust must be rebalanced to comply with the fifty-five percent (55%) limit on equity investments not later than one hundred twenty (120) days after the equity investments first exceed that limit.~~

~~(f) The following apply if a trust is established under this section:~~

~~(1) To the extent that investment income earned on the principal amount of the trust during a calendar year exceeds five percent (5%) of the amount of the principal at the beginning of the calendar year, that excess investment income shall, for purposes of this section, be added to and be considered a part of the principal amount of the trust.~~

~~(2) An expenditure or transfer of any money that is part of the principal amount of the trust may be made only upon unanimous approval of the trustees.~~

~~(3) The trust must be audited annually by an independent third party auditor.~~

~~(4) The trustees must meet at least quarterly to receive a quarterly compliance and performance update from the investment advisor.~~

~~(5) Three (3) nonvoting advisors who are officers of different county designated depositories shall attend the quarterly meetings in an advisory capacity to assist the trustees:~~

~~(A) in reviewing the compliance and performance report from the investment advisor; and~~

~~(B) in reviewing the annual audit required by subdivision (3).~~

~~The three (3) nonvoting advisors may not vote on any action of the board of trustees. The trustees shall by majority vote select the three (3) depositories from which the three (3) nonvoting advisors will be chosen. Each of the three (3) depositories selected under this subdivision shall select an officer of the depository to serve as one (1) of the three (3) nonvoting advisors. Each nonvoting advisor shall serve a term of three (3) years, and the nonvoting advisor shall continue to serve until a successor is selected. However, to provide for staggered terms, the trustees shall provide that the initial term of one (1) nonvoting advisor is one (1) year, the initial term of one (1) nonvoting advisor is two (2) years, and the initial term of one (1) nonvoting advisor is three (3) years. For purposes of avoiding a conflict of interest, a financial institution for which a nonvoting advisor is an officer (and any~~

~~affiliate of such a financial institution) may not receive a commission or other compensation for investments made by the trust under this section.~~

SECTION 100. IC 36-1-23-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.184-2015, SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 2. A member of the fiscal body of a unit may not participate in a vote on the adoption of the unit's budget and tax levies if the member is: ~~a volunteer firefighter in:~~

(1) **an employee of** a volunteer fire department; or

(2) **a volunteer firefighter in** a fire department;

that provides fire protection services to the unit under a contract (excluding a mutual aid agreement) or as the unit's fire department.

SECTION 101. IC 36-2-5-3.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019 (RETROACTIVE)]: **Sec. 3.7. (a) As used in this section, "body" refers to either of the following:**

(1) The county fiscal body.

(2) The county executive.

(b) The county fiscal body may establish a salary schedule that includes compensation for a presiding officer or secretary of a body that is greater than the compensation for other members of the body, if all of the following are satisfied:

(1) All applicable requirements in this chapter are satisfied with respect to the salary schedule that includes the additional compensation.

(2) The additional compensation is being provided because the individual holding the position of presiding officer or secretary:

(A) has additional duties; or

(B) attends additional meetings on behalf of the body;

as compared to other members of the body.

(3) The additional compensation amount applies only for time periods during which the individual serves in the capacity as presiding officer or secretary and:

(A) handles additional duties; or

(B) attends additional meetings on behalf of the body;

as compared to other members of the body.

SECTION 102. IC 36-2-6-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2008, SECTION 689, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019 (RETROACTIVE)]: Sec. 8. (a) **Except as permitted by IC 36-2-5-3.7,** the county executive or a court may not make an allowance to a county officer for:

(1) services rendered in a criminal action;

(2) services rendered in a civil action; or

(3) extra services rendered in the county officer's capacity as a county officer.

(b) The county executive may make an allowance to the clerk of the circuit court, county auditor, county treasurer, county sheriff, township assessor (if any), or county assessor, or to any of those officers' employees, only if:

(1) the allowance is specifically required by law; or

(2) the county executive finds, on the record, that the allowance is necessary in the public interest.

(c) A member of the county executive who recklessly violates subsection (b) commits a Class C misdemeanor and forfeits the member's office.

SECTION 103. IC 36-2-7-19, AS AMENDED BY P.L.127-2017, SECTION 44, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 19. (a) As used in this section, "fund" refers to a county elected officials training fund established under subsection (b).

(b) Each county legislative body shall ~~before July 1, 2011,~~ establish a county elected officials training fund to supplement appropriations that may come from the county general fund to provide training of elected officials. The county fiscal body shall appropriate money from the fund.

(c) The fund consists of money deposited under IC 36-2-7.5-6(b)(2) and any other sources required or permitted by law. Money in the fund does not revert to the county general fund.

(d) Money in the fund shall be used solely to provide training of:

(1) county elected officials; **and**

(2) individuals first elected to a county office;

required by IC 33-32-2-9, IC 36-2-9-2.5, IC 36-2-9.5-2.5, IC 36-2-10-2.5, IC 36-2-11-2.5, and IC 36-2-12-2.5.

(e) Except as provided in IC 5-11-14-1, money in the fund may be used to provide any of the following:

(1) Travel, lodging, and related expenses associated with any training paid for from the fund.

(2) Training of one (1) or more designees of a county elected official if sufficient funds are appropriated by the county fiscal body.

SECTION 104. IC 36-2-9-2.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.279-2013, SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 2.5. (a) As used in this section, "training courses" refers to training courses related to the office of county auditor that are

compiled or developed by the Association of Indiana Counties and approved by the state board of accounts.

(b) An individual elected to the office of county auditor ~~on or after November 6, 2012,~~ shall complete at least:

(1) fifteen (15) hours of training courses within one (1) year; and

(2) forty (40) hours of training courses within three (3) years;

after the individual is elected to the office of county auditor.

(c) **An individual first elected to the office of county auditor shall complete five (5) hours of newly elected official training courses before the individual first takes the office of county auditor.** A training course that an individual completes

~~(1) after being elected to the office of county auditor; and~~

~~(2) before the individual begins serving in the office of county auditor;~~

under this subsection shall be counted toward the requirements under subsection (b).

(d) An individual shall fulfill the training requirements established by subsection (b) for each term to which the individual is elected as county auditor.

(e) The failure of an individual to complete the training required by this section does not prevent the individual from taking an office to which the individual was elected.

~~(c)~~ **(f)** This subsection applies only to an individual appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of county auditor. An individual described in this subsection may, but is not required to, take training courses required by subsection (b). If an individual described in this subsection takes a training course required by subsection (b) for an elected county auditor, the county shall pay for the training course as if the individual had been an elected county auditor.

SECTION 105. IC 36-2-9-18 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 18. (a) Before the auditor makes the endorsement required by IC 36-2-11-14, the auditor may require that a tax identification number identifying the affected real property be placed on an instrument that conveys, creates, encumbers, assigns, or otherwise disposes of an interest in or a lien on real property. The tax identification number may be established by the auditor with the approval of the state board of accounts. If the tax identification number is affixed to the instrument or if a tax identification number is not required, the auditor shall make the proper endorsement on demand.

(b) On request, a county auditor shall provide assistance in obtaining the proper tax identification number for instruments subject

to this section.

(c) The tax administration number established by this section is for use in administering statutes concerning taxation of real property and is not competent evidence of the location or size of the real property affected by the instrument.

(d) The legislative body of a county ~~may~~ **shall** adopt an ordinance ~~authorizing~~ **requiring** the auditor to collect a fee in ~~an~~ **the** amount ~~that does not exceed five~~ **of ten** dollars ~~($5)~~ **($10)** for each:

(1) deed; or

(2) legal description of each parcel contained in the deed;

for which the auditor makes a real property endorsement. This fee is in addition to any other fee provided by law. The auditor shall place **the** revenue received under this subsection in a dedicated fund for use in maintaining plat books, **in traditional or electronic format.**

SECTION 106. IC 36-2-9.5-2.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.279-2013, SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 2.5. (a) As used in this section, "training courses" refers to training courses related to the office of county auditor that are compiled or developed by the Association of Indiana Counties and approved by the state board of accounts.

(b) An individual elected to the office of county auditor ~~on or after November 6, 2012,~~ shall complete at least:

(1) fifteen (15) hours of training courses within one (1) year; and

(2) forty (40) hours of training courses within three (3) years;

after the individual is elected to the office of county auditor.

(c) **An individual first elected to the office of county auditor shall complete five (5) hours of newly elected official training courses before the individual first takes the office of county auditor.** A training course that an individual completes

~~(1) after being elected to the office of county auditor; and~~

~~(2) before the individual begins serving in the office of county auditor;~~

under this subsection shall be counted toward the requirements under subsection (b).

(d) An individual shall fulfill the training requirements established by subsection (b) for each term to which the individual is elected as county auditor.

(e) The failure of an individual to complete the training required by this section does not prevent the individual from taking an office to which the individual was elected.

~~(c)~~ **(f)** This subsection applies only to an individual appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of county auditor. An individual described in

this subsection may, but is not required to, take training courses required by subsection (b). If an individual described in this subsection takes a training course required by subsection (b) for an elected county auditor, the county shall pay for the training course as if the individual had been an elected county auditor.

SECTION 107. IC 36-2-10-2.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.279-2013, SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 2.5. (a) As used in this section, "training courses" refers to training courses related to the office of county treasurer that are compiled or developed by the Association of Indiana Counties and approved by the state board of accounts.

(b) An individual elected to the office of county treasurer ~~on or after November 6, 2012,~~ shall complete at least:

(1) fifteen (15) hours of training courses within one (1) year; and

(2) forty (40) hours of training courses within three (3) years;

after the individual is elected to the office of county treasurer.

(c) **An individual first elected to the office of county treasurer shall complete five (5) hours of newly elected official training courses before the individual first takes the office of county treasurer.** A training course that the individual completes

~~(1) after being elected to the office of county treasurer; and~~

~~(2) before the individual begins serving in the office of county treasurer;~~

under this subsection shall be counted toward the requirements under subsection (b).

(d) An individual shall fulfill the training requirements established by subsection (b) for each term to which the individual is elected as county treasurer.

(e) The failure of an individual to complete the training required by this section does not prevent the individual from taking an office to which the individual was elected.

~~(e)~~ **(f)** This subsection applies only to an individual appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of county treasurer. An individual described in this subsection may, but is not required to, take any training courses required by subsection (b). If an individual described in this subsection takes a training course required by subsection (b) for an elected county treasurer, the county shall pay for the training course as if the individual had been an elected county treasurer.

SECTION 108. IC 36-2-11-2.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.279-2013, SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 2.5. (a) As used in this section, "training courses" refers to training courses related to the office of county recorder that

are compiled or developed by the Association of Indiana Counties and approved by the state board of accounts.

(b) An individual elected to the office of county recorder ~~after November 4, 2008,~~ shall complete at least:

(1) fifteen (15) hours of training courses within one (1) year; and

(2) forty (40) hours of training courses within three (3) years;

after the individual is elected to the office of county recorder.

(c) **An individual first elected to the office of county recorder shall complete five (5) hours of newly elected official training courses before the individual first takes the office of county recorder.** A training course that the individual completes

~~(1) after being elected to the office of county recorder; and~~

~~(2) before the individual begins serving in the office of county recorder;~~

under this subsection shall be counted toward the requirements under subsection (b).

(d) An individual shall fulfill the training requirements established by subsection (b) for each term to which the individual is elected as county recorder.

(e) The failure of an individual to complete the training required by this section does not prevent the individual from taking an office to which the individual was elected.

~~(c)~~ **(f)** This subsection applies only to an individual appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of county recorder. An individual described in this subsection may, but is not required to, take any training courses required by subsection (b). If an individual described in this subsection takes a training course required by subsection (b) for an elected county recorder, the county shall pay for the training course as if the individual had been an elected county recorder.

SECTION 109. IC 36-2-12-2.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.279-2013, SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 2.5. (a) As used in this section, "training course" refers to:

(1) a training course related to the office of county surveyor that is compiled or developed by the Association of Indiana Counties and approved by the state board of accounts; or

(2) an educational course regarding land surveying that is taken by an individual who is:

(A) serving in the office of county surveyor; and

(B) an actively registered professional surveyor.

~~(b) An individual elected to the office of county surveyor after June 30, 2009, but before July 1, 2013, shall, within two (2) years after~~

~~beginning the county surveyor's term, complete at least twenty-four (24) hours of training courses.~~

~~(c)~~ **(b)** An individual elected to the office of county surveyor ~~after June 30, 2013,~~ shall complete at least:

(1) fifteen (15) hours of training courses within one (1) year; and

(2) forty (40) hours of training courses within three (3) years;

after the individual is elected to the office of county surveyor.

~~(d)~~ **(c) An individual first elected to the office of county surveyor shall complete five (5) hours of newly elected official training courses before the individual first takes the office of county surveyor.** A training course that an individual completes

~~(1) after being elected to the office of county surveyor; and~~

~~(2) before that individual begins serving in the office of county surveyor;~~

under this subsection shall be counted toward the requirements under subsection ~~(c).~~ **(b).**

~~(e)~~ **(d)** An individual shall fulfill the training requirement established by subsection ~~(c)~~ **(b)** for each term the individual serves.

(e) The failure of an individual to complete the training required by this section does not prevent the individual from taking an office to which the individual was elected.

(f) This subsection applies only to an individual appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of county surveyor. An individual described in this subsection may, but is not required to, take any training courses required by subsection ~~(c).~~ **(b).** If an individual described in this subsection takes a training course required by subsection ~~(c)~~ **(b)** for an elected county surveyor, the county shall pay for the training course as if the individual had been an elected county surveyor.

SECTION 110. IC 36-3-5.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]:

Chapter 5.5. Training for Clerk and Fiscal Officer

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "training courses" refers to training courses, workshops, training institutes authorized by IC 5-11-14, formal academies, special seminars, and other in-service training related to the office of the:

(1) clerk of the consolidated city described in IC 36-3-4-8; and

(2) fiscal officer of the consolidated city described in IC 36-3-5-2.5;

that are developed or offered under the rubric of a generally accepted professional association, association of governments or a state agency or department, or public university or affiliated

center.

Sec. 2. An individual who is appointed to or holds an office described in section 1 of this chapter on or after November 5, 2019, shall complete at least:

(1) fourteen (14) hours of training courses within one (1) year; and

(2) thirty-six (36) hours of training courses within three (3) years;

after the individual is appointed to or while the individual holds an office described in section 1 of this chapter.

Sec. 3. A training course that an individual completes:

(1) after being appointed to an office described in this section; and

(2) before the individual begins serving in an office described in this section;

shall be counted toward the requirements under section 2 of this chapter.

Sec. 4. An individual shall fulfill the training requirements established by section 2 of this chapter for each four (4) year period during which the individual holds an office described in section 1 of this chapter.

Sec. 5. This section applies only to an individual appointed to fill a vacancy in an office described in section 1 of this chapter. An individual described in this section may, but is not required to, take training courses required by section 2 of this chapter. If an individual described in this section takes a training course required by section 2 of this chapter for an office described in section 1 of this chapter, the consolidated city shall pay for the training course as if the individual had been appointed to an office described in section 1 of this chapter.

Sec. 6. The:

(1) executive;

(2) legislative body; and

(3) individual who holds an office described in section 1 of this chapter;

shall use all reasonable means to ensure that the individual who holds an office described in section 1 of this chapter complies with the training requirements established by section 2 of this chapter.

Sec. 7. The individual who holds an office described in section 1 of this chapter shall maintain written documentation of the training courses that the individual completes toward the requirements of this chapter.

Sec. 8. If the consolidated city reorganizes under IC 36-1.5, the individual who performs the functions of an office described in section 1 of this chapter for the consolidated city shall comply with the training requirements established by this chapter for the reorganized political subdivision.

SECTION 111. IC 36-4-3-7.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.228-2015, SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 7.1. Notwithstanding section 7(b) of this chapter, an ordinance adopted under section 4 **or 5.1** of this chapter takes effect immediately upon the expiration of the remonstrance and appeal period under section 11, 11.1, or 15.5 of this chapter and after the publication, filing, and recording required by section 22(a) of this chapter if all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The annexed territory has no population.

(2) Ninety percent (90%) of the total assessed value of the land for property tax purposes has one (1) owner.

(3) The annexation is required to fulfill an economic development incentive package and to retain an industry through various local incentives, including urban enterprise zone benefits.

SECTION 112. IC 36-4-3-11.7, AS ADDED BY P.L.228-2015, SECTION 18, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 11.7. ~~(a) Notwithstanding any other law, a waiver of the right of remonstrance executed after June 30, 2015, expires not later than fifteen (15) years after the date the waiver was executed.~~

~~(b)~~ **(a)** This subsection applies to any deed recorded after June 30, 2015. This subsection applies only to property that is subject to a remonstrance waiver. A municipality shall, within a reasonable time after the recording of a deed to property located within the municipality, provide written notice to the property owner that a waiver of the right of remonstrance exists with respect to the property.

(b) A remonstrance waiver executed before July 1, 2003, is void. This subsection does not invalidate an annexation that was effective on or before July 1, 2019.

(c) A remonstrance waiver executed after June 30, 2003, and before July 1, 2019, is subject to the following:

(1) The waiver is void unless the waiver was recorded:

(A) before January 1, 2020; and

(B) with the county recorder of the county where the property subject to the waiver is located.

(2) A waiver that is not void under subdivision (1) expires not later than fifteen (15) years after the date the waiver is executed.

This subsection does not invalidate an annexation that was effective on or before July 1, 2019.

(d) A remonstrance waiver executed after June 30, 2019, is subject to the following:

(1) The waiver is void unless the waiver is recorded:

(A) not later than thirty (30) business days after the date the waiver was executed; and

(B) with the county recorder of the county where the property subject to the waiver is located.

(2) A waiver that is not void under subdivision (1) expires not later than fifteen (15) years after the date the waiver is executed.

This subsection does not invalidate an annexation that was effective on or before July 1, 2019.

SECTION 113. IC 36-4-10-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: **Sec. 8. (a) As used in this section, "training courses" refers to training courses, workshops, training institutes authorized by IC 5-11-14, formal academies, special seminars, and other in-service training related to an office described in section 2 of this chapter that are developed or offered under the rubric of a generally accepted professional association, association of governments or a state agency or department, or public university or affiliated center.**

(b) An individual elected or appointed to an office described in section 2 of this chapter on or after November 5, 2019, shall complete at least:

(1) fourteen (14) hours of training courses within one (1) year; and

(2) thirty-six (36) hours of training courses within three (3) years;

after the individual is elected or appointed to an office described in section 2 of this chapter.

(c) A training course that an individual completes:

(1) after being elected or appointed to an office described in section 2 of this chapter; and

(2) before the individual begins serving in an office described in section 2 of this chapter;

shall be counted toward the requirements under subsection (b).

(d) An individual shall fulfill the training requirements established by subsection (b) for each term to which the individual is elected or appointed to an office described in section 2 of this

chapter.

(e) This subsection applies only to an individual appointed to fill a vacancy in an office described in section 2 of this chapter. An individual described in this subsection may, but is not required to, take training courses required by subsection (b). If an individual described in this subsection takes a training course required by subsection (b) for an office described in section 2 of this chapter, the city shall pay for the training course as if the individual had been elected or appointed to an office described in section 2 of this chapter.

(f) The:

(1) city executive;

(2) city legislative body; and

(3) individual who holds the office described in section 2 of this chapter;

shall use all reasonable means to ensure that the individual who holds the office described in section 2 of this chapter complies with the training requirements established by this section.

(g) The individual who holds the office described in section 2 of this chapter shall maintain written documentation of the training courses that the individual completes toward the requirements of this section.

(h) If a city reorganizes under IC 36-1.5, the individual who performs the functions of an office described in section 2 of this chapter for the city shall comply with the training requirements established by this section for the reorganized political subdivision.

SECTION 114. IC 36-5-6-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: **Sec. 10. (a) As used in this section, "training courses" refers to training courses, workshops, training institutes authorized by IC 5-11-14, formal academies, special seminars, and other in-service training related to an office described in section 2 of this chapter that are developed or offered under the rubric of a generally accepted professional association, association of governments or a state agency or department, or public university or affiliated center.**

(b) An individual elected to the office described in section 2 of this chapter on or after November 5, 2019, shall complete at least:

(1) fourteen (14) hours of training courses within one (1) year; and

(2) thirty-six (36) hours of training courses within three (3) years;

after the individual is elected to the office described in section 2 of this chapter.

(c) A training course that an individual completes:

(1) after being elected to the office described in section 2 of this chapter; and

(2) before the individual begins serving in the office described in section 2 of this chapter;

shall be counted toward the requirements under subsection (b).

(d) An individual shall fulfill the training requirements established by subsection (b) for each term to which the individual is elected to the office described in section 2 of this chapter.

(e) This subsection applies only to an individual appointed to fill a vacancy in the office described in section 2 of this chapter. An individual described in this subsection may, but is not required to, take training courses required by subsection (b). If an individual described in this subsection takes a training course required by subsection (b) for an individual elected to the office described in section 2 of this chapter, the town shall pay for the training course as if the individual had been elected to the office described in section 2 of this chapter.

(f) The:

(1) town executive;

(2) town legislative body; and

(3) individual who holds the office described in section 2 of this chapter;

shall use all reasonable means to ensure that the individual who holds the office described in section 2 of this chapter complies with the training requirements established by this section.

(g) The individual who holds the office described in section 2 of this chapter shall maintain written documentation of the training courses that the individual completes toward the requirements of this section.

(h) If a town reorganizes under IC 36-1.5, the individual who performs the functions of the office described in section 2 of this chapter for the town shall comply with the training requirements established by this section for the reorganized political subdivision.

SECTION 115. IC 36-7-14-17, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2008, SECTION 728, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 17. (a) After receipt of the written order of approval of the plan commission and approval of the municipal legislative body or county executive, the redevelopment commission shall publish notice of the adoption and substance of the

resolution in accordance with IC 5-3-1. The notice must:

(1) state that maps and plats have been prepared and can be inspected at the office of the department; and

(2) name a date when the commission will:

(A) receive and hear remonstrances and objections from persons interested in or affected by the proceedings pertaining to the proposed project or other actions to be taken under the resolution; and

(B) determine the public utility and benefit of the proposed project or other actions.

All persons affected in any manner by the hearing, including all taxpayers of the special taxing district, shall be considered notified of the pendency of the hearing and of subsequent acts, hearings, adjournments, and orders of the commission by the notice given under this section.

(b) A copy of the notice of the hearing on the resolution shall be filed in the office of the unit's plan commission, board of zoning appeals, works board, park board, and building commissioner, and any other departments, bodies, or officers of the unit having to do with unit planning, variances from zoning ordinances, land use, or the issuance of building permits. These agencies and officers shall take notice of the pendency of the hearing and, until the commission confirms, modifies and confirms, or rescinds the resolution, or the confirmation of the resolution is set aside on appeal, may not:

(1) authorize any construction on property or sewers in the area described in the resolution, including substantial modifications, rebuilding, conversion, enlargement, additions, and major structural improvements; or

(2) take any action regarding the zoning or rezoning of property, or the opening, closing, or improvement of streets, alleys, or boulevards in the area described in the resolution.

This subsection does not prohibit the granting of permits for ordinary maintenance or minor remodeling, or for changes necessary for the continued occupancy of buildings in the area.

(c) If the resolution to be considered at the hearing includes a provision establishing or amending an allocation provision under section 39 of this chapter, the redevelopment commission shall file the following information with each taxing unit that is wholly or partly located within the allocation area:

(1) A copy of the notice required by subsection (a).

(2) A statement disclosing the impact of the allocation area, including the following:

(A) The estimated economic benefits and costs incurred by the allocation area, as measured by increased employment and anticipated growth of real property assessed values.

(B) The anticipated impact on tax revenues of each taxing unit.

The redevelopment commission shall file the information required by this subsection with the officers of the taxing unit who are authorized to fix budgets, tax rates, and tax levies under IC 6-1.1-17-5 at least ten (10) days before the date of the hearing.

(d) At the hearing, which may be adjourned from time to time, the redevelopment commission shall hear all persons interested in the proceedings and shall consider all written remonstrances and objections that have been filed. After considering the evidence presented, the commission shall take final action determining the public utility and benefit of the proposed project or other actions to be taken under the resolution, and confirming, modifying and confirming, or rescinding the resolution. The final action taken by the commission shall be recorded and is final and conclusive, except that an appeal may be taken in the manner prescribed by section 18 of this chapter.

(e) If the redevelopment commission adopts the resolution and the resolution includes a provision establishing or amending an allocation provision under section 39 of this chapter, the redevelopment commission shall file a copy of the resolution with both the auditor of the county in which the unit is located and the department of local government finance, together with any supporting documents that are relevant to the computation of assessed values in the allocation area, within thirty (30) days after the date on which the redevelopment commission takes final action on the resolution.

SECTION 116. IC 36-7-14-22.8, AS ADDED BY P.L.183-2016, SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2019]: Sec. 22.8. (a) This section applies only in Lake County as a ~~three~~ ~~(3)~~ ~~year~~ pilot program to obtain experience with the method of disposing of real property set forth in this section.

(b) A redevelopment commission may establish a new opportunity area in accordance with the criteria and procedures set forth in this section. A redevelopment commission may dispose of property to which section 22.5 of this chapter applies as provided in this section if the property is located in a new opportunity area.

(c) A redevelopment commission may determine that the following findings apply to an area within the jurisdiction of the redevelopment commission:

(1) At least one-third (1/3) of the parcels in the area are vacant or

abandoned, as determined under IC 36-7-37 or another statute.

(2) At least one-third (1/3) of the parcels in the area have at least one (1) of the following characteristics:

(A) The dwelling on the parcel is not permanently occupied.

(B) Two (2) or more property tax payments owed on the parcel are delinquent.

(3) None of the properties in the area have been annexed within the immediately preceding five (5) years over a remonstrance of a majority of the land owners within the annexed area.

(4) The area cannot be improved by the ordinary operation of private enterprise because of:

(A) the existence of conditions that lower the value of the land below that of nearby land; or

(B) other conditions similar to the conditions described in clause (A).

(5) Each of the parcels in the area are residential parcels that are less than one (1) acre in size.

(6) The property tax collection rate over the immediately preceding two (2) years has been less than sixty percent (60%).

(7) The sale of parcels that are held by the redevelopment commission and are located in the new opportunity area to individuals and other private entities will benefit the public health and welfare of the residents of the surrounding area and the area governed by the commission.

(d) Whenever a redevelopment commission makes the findings described in subsection (c), a redevelopment commission may adopt a resolution declaring the area to be a new opportunity area.

(e) After a redevelopment commission adopts a resolution declaring an area to be a new opportunity area, the redevelopment commission may dispose of properties to which section 22.5 of this chapter applies that are located in the new opportunity area by using the following procedure:

(1) The redevelopment commission shall give notice in accordance with IC 5-3-1 twice by publication, one (1) week apart, with the last publication occurring at least ten (10) days before the date on which the redevelopment commission intends to convene the meeting described in subdivision (2). The notice must include the following:

(A) The date, time, and place of the meeting described in subdivision (2).

(B) A description of each parcel to be offered for sale by parcel number and common address.

(C) A statement that the redevelopment commission:

(i) is accepting bids on the properties described under clause (B); and

(ii) intends to sell each property described under clause (B) to the highest responsible and responsive bidder.

(2) The redevelopment commission shall hold a meeting on the date and at the time and place specified in the notice described in subdivision (1) at which bids for the properties described in the notice shall be opened and read aloud. The redevelopment commission may thereafter sell each property to the highest responsible and responsive bidder.

(f) This section expires ~~July 1, 2019.~~ **July 1, 2022.**

SECTION 117. IC 36-7-14-25.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.149-2014, SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 25.1. (a) In addition to other methods of raising money for property acquisition or redevelopment in a redevelopment project area, and in anticipation of the special tax to be levied under section 27 of this chapter, the taxes allocated under section 39 of this chapter, or other revenues of the district, or any combination of these sources, the redevelopment commission may, by bond resolution and subject to subsections (c) and (p), issue the bonds of the special taxing district in the name of the unit. The amount of the bonds may not exceed the total, as estimated by the commission, of all expenses reasonably incurred in connection with the acquisition and redevelopment of the property, including:

(1) the total cost of all land, rights-of-way, and other property to be acquired and redeveloped;

(2) all reasonable and necessary architectural, engineering, legal, financing, accounting, advertising, bond discount, and supervisory expenses related to the acquisition and redevelopment of the property or the issuance of bonds;

(3) capitalized interest permitted by this chapter and a debt service reserve for the bonds to the extent the redevelopment commission determines that a reserve is reasonably required; and

(4) expenses that the redevelopment commission is required or permitted to pay under IC 8-23-17.

(b) If the redevelopment commission plans to acquire different parcels of land or let different contracts for redevelopment work at approximately the same time, whether under one (1) or more resolutions, the commission may provide for the total cost in one (1) issue of bonds.

(c) The legislative body of the unit must adopt a resolution that

specifies the public purpose of the bond, the use of the bond proceeds, the maximum principal amount of the bond, the term of the bond, and the maximum interest rate or rates of the bond, any provision for redemption before maturity, and any provision for the payment of capitalized interest. The bonds must be dated as set forth in the bond resolution and negotiable, subject to the requirements of the bond resolution for registering the bonds. The resolution authorizing the bonds must state:

(1) the denominations of the bonds;

(2) the place or places at which the bonds are payable; and

(3) the term of the bonds, which may not exceed:

(A) fifty (50) years, for bonds issued before July 1, 2008;

(B) thirty (30) years, for bonds issued after June 30, 2008, to finance:

(i) an integrated coal gasification powerplant (as defined in IC 6-3.1-29-6);

(ii) a part of an integrated coal gasification powerplant (as defined in IC 6-3.1-29-6); or

(iii) property used in the operation or maintenance of an integrated coal gasification powerplant (as defined in IC 6-3.1-29-6);

that received a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Indiana utility regulatory commission under IC 8-1-8.5 et seq. before July 1, 2008;

(C) thirty-five (35) years, for bonds issued after June 30, 2019, to finance a project that is located in a redevelopment project area, an economic development area, or an urban renewal project area and that includes, as part of the project, the use and repurposing of two (2) or more buildings and structures that are:

(i) at least seventy-five (75) years old; and

(ii) located at a site at which manufacturing previously occurred over a period of at least seventy-five (75) years;

or

~~(C)~~ **(D)** twenty-five (25) years, for bonds issued after June 30, 2008, that are not described in clause (B) **or (C).**

The bond resolution may also state that the bonds are redeemable before maturity with or without a premium, as determined by the redevelopment commission.

(d) The redevelopment commission shall certify a copy of the resolution authorizing the bonds to the municipal or county fiscal officer, who shall then prepare the bonds, subject to subsections (c) and

(p). The seal of the unit must be impressed on the bonds, or a facsimile of the seal must be printed on the bonds.

(e) The bonds must be executed by the appropriate officer of the unit and attested by the municipal or county fiscal officer.

(f) The bonds are exempt from taxation for all purposes.

(g) The municipal or county fiscal officer shall give notice of the sale of the bonds by publication in accordance with IC 5-3-1. The municipal fiscal officer, or county fiscal officer or executive, shall sell the bonds to the highest bidder, but may not sell them for less than ninety-seven percent (97%) of their par value. However, bonds payable solely or in part from tax proceeds allocated under section 39(b)(3) of this chapter, or other revenues of the district may be sold at a private negotiated sale.

(h) Except as provided in subsection (i), a redevelopment commission may not issue the bonds when the total issue, including bonds already issued and to be issued, exceeds two percent (2%) of the adjusted value of the taxable property in the special taxing district, as determined under IC 36-1-15.

(i) The bonds are not a corporate obligation of the unit but are an indebtedness of the taxing district. The bonds and interest are payable, as set forth in the bond resolution of the redevelopment commission:

(1) from a special tax levied upon all of the property in the taxing district, as provided by section 27 of this chapter;

(2) from the tax proceeds allocated under section 39(b)(3) of this chapter;

(3) from other revenues available to the redevelopment commission; or

(4) from a combination of the methods stated in subdivisions (1) through (3).

If the bonds are payable solely from the tax proceeds allocated under section 39(b)(3) of this chapter, other revenues of the redevelopment commission, or any combination of these sources, they may be issued in any amount not to exceed the maximum amount approved by the legislative body in the resolution described in subsection (c).

(j) Proceeds from the sale of bonds may be used to pay the cost of interest on the bonds for a period not to exceed five (5) years from the date of issuance.

(k) All laws relating to the giving of notice of the issuance of bonds, the giving of notice of a hearing on the appropriation of the proceeds of the bonds, the right of taxpayers to appear and be heard on the proposed appropriation, and the approval of the appropriation by the department of local government finance apply to all bonds issued under

this chapter that are payable from the special benefits tax levied pursuant to section 27 of this chapter or from taxes allocated under section 39 of this chapter.

(l) All laws relating to:

(1) the filing of petitions requesting the issuance of bonds; and

(2) the right of:

(A) taxpayers and voters to remonstrate against the issuance of bonds in the case of a proposed bond issue described by IC 6-1.1-20-3.1(a); or

(B) voters to vote on the issuance of bonds in the case of a proposed bond issue described by IC 6-1.1-20-3.5(a);

apply to bonds issued under this chapter except for bonds payable solely from tax proceeds allocated under section 39(b)(3) of this chapter, other revenues of the redevelopment commission, or any combination of these sources.

(m) If a debt service reserve is created from the proceeds of bonds, the debt service reserve may be used to pay principal and interest on the bonds as provided in the bond resolution.

(n) Any amount remaining in the debt service reserve after all of the bonds of the issue for which the debt service reserve was established have matured shall be:

(1) deposited in the allocation fund established under section 39(b)(3) of this chapter; and

(2) to the extent permitted by law, transferred to the county or municipality that established the department of redevelopment for use in reducing the county's or municipality's property tax levies for debt service.

(o) If bonds are issued under this chapter that are payable solely or in part from revenues to the redevelopment commission from a project or projects, the redevelopment commission may adopt a resolution or trust indenture or enter into covenants as is customary in the issuance of revenue bonds. The resolution or trust indenture may pledge or assign the revenues from the project or projects, but may not convey or mortgage any project or parts of a project. The resolution or trust indenture may also contain any provisions for protecting and enforcing the rights and remedies of the bond owners as may be reasonable and proper and not in violation of law, including covenants setting forth the duties of the redevelopment commission. The redevelopment commission may establish fees and charges for the use of any project and covenant with the owners of any bonds to set those fees and charges at a rate sufficient to protect the interest of the owners of the bonds. Any revenue bonds issued by the redevelopment commission

that are payable solely from revenues of the commission shall contain a statement to that effect in the form of bond.

(p) If the total principal amount of bonds authorized by a resolution of the redevelopment commission adopted before July 1, 2008, is equal to or greater than three million dollars ($3,000,000), the bonds may not be issued without the approval, by resolution, of the legislative body of the unit. Bonds authorized in any principal amount by a resolution of the redevelopment commission adopted after June 30, 2008, may not be issued without the approval of the legislative body of the unit.

SECTION 118. IC 36-7-14-25.2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.149-2014, SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 25.2. (a) Subject to the prior approval of the fiscal body of the unit under subsection (c), a redevelopment commission may enter into a lease of any property that could be financed with the proceeds of bonds issued under this chapter with a lessor for a term not to exceed:

(1) fifty (50) years, for a lease entered into before July 1, 2008;

(2) thirty-five (35) years, for leases entered into after June 30, 2019, to finance a project that is located in a redevelopment project area, an economic development area, or an urban renewal project area and that includes, as part of the project, the use and repurposing of two (2) or more buildings and structures that are:

(A) at least seventy-five (75) years old; and

(B) located at a site at which manufacturing previously occurred over a period of at least seventy-five (75) years;

or

~~(2)~~ **(3)** twenty-five (25) years, for a lease ~~entered into after June 30, 2008.~~ **that is not described in subdivision (1) or (2).**

The lease may provide for payments to be made by the redevelopment commission from special benefits taxes levied under section 27 of this chapter, taxes allocated under section 39 of this chapter, any other revenues available to the redevelopment commission, or any combination of these sources.

(b) A lease may provide that payments by the redevelopment commission to the lessor are required only to the extent and only for the period that the lessor is able to provide the leased facilities in accordance with the lease. The terms of each lease must be based upon the value of the facilities leased and may not create a debt of the unit or the district for purposes of the Constitution of the State of Indiana.

(c) A lease may be entered into by the redevelopment commission only after a public hearing by the redevelopment commission at which

all interested parties are provided the opportunity to be heard. After the public hearing, the redevelopment commission may adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of the lease on behalf of the unit if it finds that the service to be provided throughout the term of the lease will serve the public purpose of the unit and is in the best interests of its residents. Any lease approved by a resolution of the redevelopment commission must also be approved by an ordinance or resolution of the fiscal body of the unit. The approving ordinance or resolution of the fiscal body must include the following:

(1) The maximum annual lease rental for the lease.

(2) The maximum interest rate or rates, any provisions for redemption before maturity, and any provisions for the payment of capitalized interest associated with the lease.

(3) The maximum term of the lease.

(d) Upon execution of a lease providing for payments by the redevelopment commission in whole or in part from the levy of special benefits taxes under section 27 of this chapter and upon approval of the lease by the unit's fiscal body, the redevelopment commission shall publish notice of the execution of the lease and its approval in accordance with IC 5-3-1. Fifty (50) or more taxpayers residing in the redevelopment district who will be affected by the lease and who may be of the opinion that no necessity exists for the execution of the lease or that the payments provided for in the lease are not fair and reasonable may file a petition in the office of the county auditor within thirty (30) days after the publication of the notice of execution and approval. The petition must set forth the petitioners' names, addresses, and objections to the lease and the facts showing that the execution of the lease is unnecessary or unwise or that the payments provided for in the lease are not fair and reasonable, as the case may be.

(e) Upon the filing of the petition, the county auditor shall immediately certify a copy of it, together with such other data as may be necessary in order to present the questions involved, to the department of local government finance. Upon receipt of the certified petition and information, the department of local government finance shall fix a time and place for a hearing in the redevelopment district, which must be not less than five (5) or more than thirty (30) days after the time is fixed. Notice of the hearing shall be given by the department of local government finance to the members of the fiscal body, to the redevelopment commission, and to the first fifty (50) petitioners on the petition by a letter signed by the commissioner or deputy commissioner of the department and enclosed with fully prepaid postage sent to those persons at their usual place of residence, at least five (5) days before

the date of the hearing. The decision of the department of local government finance on the appeal, upon the necessity for the execution of the lease, and as to whether the payments under it are fair and reasonable, is final.

(f) A redevelopment commission entering into a lease payable from allocated taxes under section 39 of this chapter or other available funds of the redevelopment commission may:

(1) pledge the revenue to make payments under the lease pursuant to IC 5-1-14-4; and

(2) establish a special fund to make the payments.

(g) Lease rentals may be limited to money in the special fund so that the obligations of the redevelopment commission to make the lease rental payments are not considered debt of the unit or the district for purposes of the Constitution of the State of Indiana.

(h) Except as provided in this section, no approvals of any governmental body or agency are required before the redevelopment commission enters into a lease under this section.

(i) An action to contest the validity of the lease or to enjoin the performance of any of its terms and conditions must be brought within thirty (30) days after the publication of the notice of the execution and approval of the lease. However, if the lease is payable in whole or in part from tax levies and an appeal has been taken to the department of local government finance, an action to contest the validity or enjoin the performance must be brought within thirty (30) days after the decision of the department.

(j) If a redevelopment commission exercises an option to buy a leased facility from a lessor, the redevelopment commission may subsequently sell the leased facility, without regard to any other statute, to the lessor at the end of the lease term at a price set forth in the lease or at fair market value established at the time of the sale by the redevelopment commission through auction, appraisal, or arms length negotiation. If the facility is sold at auction, after appraisal, or through negotiation, the redevelopment commission shall conduct a hearing after public notice in accordance with IC 5-3-1 before the sale. Any action to contest the sale must be brought within fifteen (15) days of the hearing.

SECTION 119. IC 36-7-14-27.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.149-2014, SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 27.5. (a) Subject to the prior approval by the legislative body of the unit, the redevelopment commission may borrow money in anticipation of receipt of the proceeds of taxes levied for the redevelopment district bond fund and not yet collected, and may

evidence this borrowing by issuing warrants of the redevelopment district. However, the aggregate principal amount of warrants issued in anticipation of and payable from the same tax levy or levies may not exceed an amount equal to eighty percent (80%) of that tax levy or levies, as certified by the department of local government finance, or as determined by multiplying the rate of tax as finally approved by the total assessed valuation (after deducting all mortgage deductions) within the redevelopment district, as most recently certified by the county auditor.

(b) The warrants may be authorized and issued at any time after the tax or taxes in anticipation of which they are issued have been levied by the redevelopment commission. For purposes of this section, taxes for any year are considered to be levied upon adoption by the commission of a resolution prescribing the tax levies for the year. However, the warrants may not be delivered and paid for before final approval of the tax levy or levies ~~by the county board of tax adjustment or, if appealed,~~ by the department of local government finance, unless the issuance of the warrants has been approved by the department.

(c) All action that this section requires or authorizes the redevelopment commission to take may be taken by resolution, which need not be published or posted. The resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption by the redevelopment commission. An action to contest the validity of tax anticipation warrants may not be brought later than ten (10) days after the sale date.

(d) In their resolution authorizing the warrants, the redevelopment commission must provide that the warrants mature at a time or times not later than December 31 after the year in which the taxes in anticipation of which the warrants are issued are due and payable.

(e) In their resolution authorizing the warrants, the redevelopment commission may provide:

(1) the date of the warrants;

(2) the interest rate of the warrants;

(3) the time of interest payments on the warrants;

(4) the denomination of the warrants;

(5) the form either registered or payable to bearer, of the warrants;

(6) the place or places of payment of the warrants, either inside or outside the state;

(7) the medium of payment of the warrants;

(8) the terms of redemption, if any, of the warrants, at a price not exceeding par value and accrued interest;

(9) the manner of execution of the warrants; and

(10) that all costs incurred in connection with the issuance of the

warrants may be paid from the proceeds of the warrants.

(f) The warrants shall be sold for not less than par value, after notice inviting bids has been published under IC 5-3-1. The redevelopment commission may also publish the notice in other newspapers or financial journals.

(g) Warrants and the interest on them are not subject to any limitation contained in section 25.1 of this chapter, and are payable solely from the proceeds of the tax levy or levies in anticipation of which the warrants were issued. The authorizing resolution must pledge a sufficient amount of the proceeds of the tax levy or levies to the payment of the warrants and the interest.

SECTION 120. IC 36-7-14-39, AS AMENDED BY P.L.86-2018, SECTION 344, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 39. (a) As used in this section:

"Allocation area" means that part of a redevelopment project area to which an allocation provision of a declaratory resolution adopted under section 15 of this chapter refers for purposes of distribution and allocation of property taxes.

"Base assessed value" means, **subject to subsection (j),** the following:

(1) If an allocation provision is adopted after June 30, 1995, in a declaratory resolution or an amendment to a declaratory resolution establishing an economic development area:

(A) the net assessed value of all the property as finally determined for the assessment date immediately preceding the effective date of the allocation provision of the declaratory resolution, as adjusted under subsection (h); plus

(B) to the extent that it is not included in clause (A), the net assessed value of property that is assessed as residential property under the rules of the department of local government finance, **within the allocation area,** as finally determined for ~~any~~ **the current** assessment date. ~~after the effective date of the allocation provision.~~

(2) If an allocation provision is adopted after June 30, 1997, in a declaratory resolution or an amendment to a declaratory resolution establishing a redevelopment project area:

(A) the net assessed value of all the property as finally determined for the assessment date immediately preceding the effective date of the allocation provision of the declaratory resolution, as adjusted under subsection (h); plus

(B) to the extent that it is not included in clause (A), the net assessed value of property that is assessed as residential

property under the rules of the department of local government finance, as finally determined for ~~any~~ **the current** assessment date. ~~after the effective date of the allocation provision.~~

(3) If:

(A) an allocation provision adopted before June 30, 1995, in a declaratory resolution or an amendment to a declaratory resolution establishing a redevelopment project area expires after June 30, 1997; and

(B) after June 30, 1997, a new allocation provision is included in an amendment to the declaratory resolution;

the net assessed value of all the property as finally determined for the assessment date immediately preceding the effective date of the allocation provision adopted after June 30, 1997, as adjusted under subsection (h).

(4) Except as provided in subdivision (5), for all other allocation areas, the net assessed value of all the property as finally determined for the assessment date immediately preceding the effective date of the allocation provision of the declaratory resolution, as adjusted under subsection (h).

(5) If an allocation area established in an economic development area before July 1, 1995, is expanded after June 30, 1995, the definition in subdivision (1) applies to the expanded part of the area added after June 30, 1995.

(6) If an allocation area established in a redevelopment project area before July 1, 1997, is expanded after June 30, 1997, the definition in subdivision (2) applies to the expanded part of the area added after June 30, 1997.

Except as provided in section 39.3 of this chapter, "property taxes" means taxes imposed under IC 6-1.1 on real property. However, upon approval by a resolution of the redevelopment commission adopted before June 1, 1987, "property taxes" also includes taxes imposed under IC 6-1.1 on depreciable personal property. If a redevelopment commission adopted before June 1, 1987, a resolution to include within the definition of property taxes, taxes imposed under IC 6-1.1 on depreciable personal property that has a useful life in excess of eight (8) years, the commission may by resolution determine the percentage of taxes imposed under IC 6-1.1 on all depreciable personal property that will be included within the definition of property taxes. However, the percentage included must not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the taxes imposed under IC 6-1.1 on all depreciable personal property.

(b) A declaratory resolution adopted under section 15 of this chapter on or before the allocation deadline determined under subsection (i)

may include a provision with respect to the allocation and distribution of property taxes for the purposes and in the manner provided in this section. A declaratory resolution previously adopted may include an allocation provision by the amendment of that declaratory resolution on or before the allocation deadline determined under subsection (i) in accordance with the procedures required for its original adoption. A declaratory resolution or amendment that establishes an allocation provision must include a specific finding of fact, supported by evidence, that the adoption of the allocation provision will result in new property taxes in the area that would not have been generated but for the adoption of the allocation provision. For an allocation area established before July 1, 1995, the expiration date of any allocation provisions for the allocation area is June 30, 2025, or the last date of any obligations that are outstanding on July 1, 2015, whichever is later. A declaratory resolution or an amendment that establishes an allocation provision after June 30, 1995, must specify an expiration date for the allocation provision. For an allocation area established before July 1, 2008, the expiration date may not be more than thirty (30) years after the date on which the allocation provision is established. For an allocation area established after June 30, 2008, the expiration date may not be more than twenty-five (25) years after the date on which the first obligation was incurred to pay principal and interest on bonds or lease rentals on leases payable from tax increment revenues. However, with respect to bonds or other obligations that were issued before July 1, 2008, if any of the bonds or other obligations that were scheduled when issued to mature before the specified expiration date and that are payable only from allocated tax proceeds with respect to the allocation area remain outstanding as of the expiration date, the allocation provision does not expire until all of the bonds or other obligations are no longer outstanding. **Notwithstanding any other law, in the case of an allocation area that is established after June 30, 2019, and that is located in a redevelopment project area described in section 25.1(c)(3)(C) of this chapter, an economic development area described in section 25.1(c)(3)(C) of this chapter, or an urban renewal project area described in section 25.1(c)(3)(C) of this chapter, the expiration date of the allocation provision may not be more than thirty-five (35) years after the date on which the allocation provision is established.** The allocation provision may apply to all or part of the redevelopment project area. The allocation provision must require that any property taxes subsequently levied by or for the benefit of any public body entitled to a distribution of property taxes on taxable property in the allocation area be allocated

and distributed as follows:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the proceeds of the taxes attributable to the lesser of:

(A) the assessed value of the property for the assessment date with respect to which the allocation and distribution is made; or

(B) the base assessed value;

shall be allocated to and, when collected, paid into the funds of the respective taxing units.

(2) The excess of the proceeds of the property taxes imposed for the assessment date with respect to which the allocation and distribution is made that are attributable to taxes imposed after being approved by the voters in a referendum or local public question conducted after April 30, 2010, not otherwise included in subdivision (1) shall be allocated to and, when collected, paid into the funds of the taxing unit for which the referendum or local public question was conducted.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this section, property tax proceeds in excess of those described in subdivisions (1) and (2) shall be allocated to the redevelopment district and, when collected, paid into an allocation fund for that allocation area that may be used by the redevelopment district only to do one (1) or more of the following:

(A) Pay the principal of and interest on any obligations payable solely from allocated tax proceeds which are incurred by the redevelopment district for the purpose of financing or refinancing the redevelopment of that allocation area.

(B) Establish, augment, or restore the debt service reserve for bonds payable solely or in part from allocated tax proceeds in that allocation area.

(C) Pay the principal of and interest on bonds payable from allocated tax proceeds in that allocation area and from the special tax levied under section 27 of this chapter.

(D) Pay the principal of and interest on bonds issued by the unit to pay for local public improvements that are physically located in or physically connected to that allocation area.

(E) Pay premiums on the redemption before maturity of bonds payable solely or in part from allocated tax proceeds in that allocation area.

(F) Make payments on leases payable from allocated tax proceeds in that allocation area under section 25.2 of this chapter.

(G) Reimburse the unit for expenditures made by it for local public improvements (which include buildings, parking facilities, and other items described in section 25.1(a) of this chapter) that are physically located in or physically connected to that allocation area.

(H) Reimburse the unit for rentals paid by it for a building or parking facility that is physically located in or physically connected to that allocation area under any lease entered into under IC 36-1-10.

(I) For property taxes first due and payable before January 1, 2009, pay all or a part of a property tax replacement credit to taxpayers in an allocation area as determined by the redevelopment commission. This credit equals the amount determined under the following STEPS for each taxpayer in a taxing district (as defined in IC 6-1.1-1-20) that contains all or part of the allocation area:

STEP ONE: Determine that part of the sum of the amounts under IC 6-1.1-21-2(g)(1)(A), IC 6-1.1-21-2(g)(2), IC 6-1.1-21-2(g)(3), IC 6-1.1-21-2(g)(4), and IC 6-1.1-21-2(g)(5) (before their repeal) that is attributable to the taxing district.

STEP TWO: Divide:

(i) that part of each county's eligible property tax replacement amount (as defined in IC 6-1.1-21-2 (before its repeal)) for that year as determined under IC 6-1.1-21-4 (before its repeal) that is attributable to the taxing district; by

(ii) the STEP ONE sum.

STEP THREE: Multiply:

(i) the STEP TWO quotient; times

(ii) the total amount of the taxpayer's taxes (as defined in IC 6-1.1-21-2 (before its repeal)) levied in the taxing district that have been allocated during that year to an allocation fund under this section.

If not all the taxpayers in an allocation area receive the credit in full, each taxpayer in the allocation area is entitled to receive the same proportion of the credit. A taxpayer may not receive a credit under this section and a credit under section 39.5 of this chapter (before its repeal) in the same year.

(J) Pay expenses incurred by the redevelopment commission for local public improvements that are in the allocation area or serving the allocation area. Public improvements include

buildings, parking facilities, and other items described in section 25.1(a) of this chapter.

(K) Reimburse public and private entities for expenses incurred in training employees of industrial facilities that are located:

(i) in the allocation area; and

(ii) on a parcel of real property that has been classified as industrial property under the rules of the department of local government finance.

However, the total amount of money spent for this purpose in any year may not exceed the total amount of money in the allocation fund that is attributable to property taxes paid by the industrial facilities described in this clause. The reimbursements under this clause must be made within three (3) years after the date on which the investments that are the basis for the increment financing are made.

(L) Pay the costs of carrying out an eligible efficiency project (as defined in IC 36-9-41-1.5) within the unit that established the redevelopment commission. However, property tax proceeds may be used under this clause to pay the costs of carrying out an eligible efficiency project only if those property tax proceeds exceed the amount necessary to do the following:

(i) Make, when due, any payments required under clauses (A) through (K), including any payments of principal and interest on bonds and other obligations payable under this subdivision, any payments of premiums under this subdivision on the redemption before maturity of bonds, and any payments on leases payable under this subdivision.

(ii) Make any reimbursements required under this subdivision.

(iii) Pay any expenses required under this subdivision.

(iv) Establish, augment, or restore any debt service reserve under this subdivision.

(M) Expend money and provide financial assistance as authorized in section 12.2(a)(27) of this chapter.

The allocation fund may not be used for operating expenses of the commission.

(4) Except as provided in subsection (g), before June 15 of each year, the commission shall do the following:

(A) Determine the amount, if any, by which the assessed value of the taxable property in the allocation area for the most

recent assessment date minus the base assessed value, when multiplied by the estimated tax rate of the allocation area, will exceed the amount of assessed value needed to produce the property taxes necessary to make, when due, principal and interest payments on bonds described in subdivision (3), plus the amount necessary for other purposes described in subdivision (3).

(B) Provide a written notice to the county auditor, the fiscal body of the county or municipality that established the department of redevelopment, the officers who are authorized to fix budgets, tax rates, and tax levies under IC 6-1.1-17-5 for each of the other taxing units that is wholly or partly located within the allocation area, and (in an electronic format) the department of local government finance. The notice must:

(i) state the amount, if any, of excess assessed value that the commission has determined may be allocated to the respective taxing units in the manner prescribed in subdivision (1); or

(ii) state that the commission has determined that there is no excess assessed value that may be allocated to the respective taxing units in the manner prescribed in subdivision (1).

The county auditor shall allocate to the respective taxing units the amount, if any, of excess assessed value determined by the commission. The commission may not authorize an allocation of assessed value to the respective taxing units under this subdivision if to do so would endanger the interests of the holders of bonds described in subdivision (3) or lessors under section 25.3 of this chapter.

(C) If:

(i) the amount of excess assessed value determined by the commission is expected to generate more than two hundred percent (200%) of the amount of allocated tax proceeds necessary to make, when due, principal and interest payments on bonds described in subdivision (3); plus

(ii) the amount necessary for other purposes described in subdivision (3);

the commission shall submit to the legislative body of the unit its determination of the excess assessed value that the commission proposes to allocate to the respective taxing units in the manner prescribed in subdivision (1). The legislative body of the unit may approve the commission's determination or modify the amount of the excess assessed value that will be

allocated to the respective taxing units in the manner prescribed in subdivision (1).

(5) Notwithstanding subdivision (4), in the case of an allocation area that is established after June 30, 2019, and that is located in a redevelopment project area described in section 25.1(c)(3)(C) of this chapter, an economic development area described in section 25.1(c)(3)(C) of this chapter, or an urban renewal project area described in section 25.1(c)(3)(C) of this chapter, for each year the allocation provision is in effect, if the amount of excess assessed value determined by the commission under subdivision (4)(A) is expected to generate more than two hundred percent (200%) of:

(A) the amount of allocated tax proceeds necessary to make, when due, principal and interest payments on bonds described in subdivision (3) for the project; plus

(B) the amount necessary for other purposes described in subdivision (3) for the project;

the amount of the excess assessed value that generates more than two hundred percent (200%) of the amounts described in clauses (A) and (B) shall be allocated to the respective taxing units in the manner prescribed by subdivision (1).

(c) For the purpose of allocating taxes levied by or for any taxing unit or units, the assessed value of taxable property in a territory in the allocation area that is annexed by any taxing unit after the effective date of the allocation provision of the declaratory resolution is the lesser of:

(1) the assessed value of the property for the assessment date with respect to which the allocation and distribution is made; or

(2) the base assessed value.

(d) Property tax proceeds allocable to the redevelopment district under subsection (b)(3) may, subject to subsection (b)(4), be irrevocably pledged by the redevelopment district for payment as set forth in subsection (b)(3).

(e) Notwithstanding any other law, each assessor shall, upon petition of the redevelopment commission, reassess the taxable property situated upon or in, or added to, the allocation area, effective on the next assessment date after the petition.

(f) Notwithstanding any other law, the assessed value of all taxable property in the allocation area, for purposes of tax limitation, property tax replacement, and formulation of the budget, tax rate, and tax levy for each political subdivision in which the property is located is the lesser of:

(1) the assessed value of the property as valued without regard to this section; or

(2) the base assessed value.

(g) If any part of the allocation area is located in an enterprise zone created under IC 5-28-15, the unit that designated the allocation area shall create funds as specified in this subsection. A unit that has obligations, bonds, or leases payable from allocated tax proceeds under subsection (b)(3) shall establish an allocation fund for the purposes specified in subsection (b)(3) and a special zone fund. Such a unit shall, until the end of the enterprise zone phase out period, deposit each year in the special zone fund any amount in the allocation fund derived from property tax proceeds in excess of those described in subsection (b)(1) and (b)(2) from property located in the enterprise zone that exceeds the amount sufficient for the purposes specified in subsection (b)(3) for the year. The amount sufficient for purposes specified in subsection (b)(3) for the year shall be determined based on the pro rata portion of such current property tax proceeds from the part of the enterprise zone that is within the allocation area as compared to all such current property tax proceeds derived from the allocation area. A unit that has no obligations, bonds, or leases payable from allocated tax proceeds under subsection (b)(3) shall establish a special zone fund and deposit all the property tax proceeds in excess of those described in subsection (b)(1) and (b)(2) in the fund derived from property tax proceeds in excess of those described in subsection (b)(1) and (b)(2) from property located in the enterprise zone. The unit that creates the special zone fund shall use the fund (based on the recommendations of the urban enterprise association) for programs in job training, job enrichment, and basic skill development that are designed to benefit residents and employers in the enterprise zone or other purposes specified in subsection (b)(3), except that where reference is made in subsection (b)(3) to allocation area it shall refer for purposes of payments from the special zone fund only to that part of the allocation area that is also located in the enterprise zone. Those programs shall reserve at least one-half (1/2) of their enrollment in any session for residents of the enterprise zone.

(h) The state board of accounts and department of local government finance shall make the rules and prescribe the forms and procedures that they consider expedient for the implementation of this chapter. After each reassessment in an area under a reassessment plan prepared under IC 6-1.1-4-4.2, the department of local government finance shall adjust the base assessed value one (1) time to neutralize any effect of the reassessment of the real property in the area on the property tax

proceeds allocated to the redevelopment district under this section. After each annual adjustment under IC 6-1.1-4-4.5, the department of local government finance shall adjust the base assessed value one (1) time to neutralize any effect of the annual adjustment on the property tax proceeds allocated to the redevelopment district under this section. However, the adjustments under this subsection:

(1) may not include the effect of phasing in assessed value due to property tax abatements under IC 6-1.1-12.1;

(2) may not produce less property tax proceeds allocable to the redevelopment district under subsection (b)(3) than would otherwise have been received if the reassessment under the reassessment plan or the annual adjustment had not occurred; and

(3) may decrease base assessed value only to the extent that assessed values in the allocation area have been decreased due to annual adjustments or the reassessment under the reassessment plan.

Assessed value increases attributable to the application of an abatement schedule under IC 6-1.1-12.1 may not be included in the base assessed value of an allocation area. The department of local government finance may prescribe procedures for county and township officials to follow to assist the department in making the adjustments.

(i) The allocation deadline referred to in subsection (b) is determined in the following manner:

(1) The initial allocation deadline is December 31, 2011.

(2) Subject to subdivision (3), the initial allocation deadline and subsequent allocation deadlines are automatically extended in increments of five (5) years, so that allocation deadlines subsequent to the initial allocation deadline fall on December 31, 2016, and December 31 of each fifth year thereafter.

(3) At least one (1) year before the date of an allocation deadline determined under subdivision (2), the general assembly may enact a law that:

(A) terminates the automatic extension of allocation deadlines under subdivision (2); and

(B) specifically designates a particular date as the final allocation deadline.

(j) If a redevelopment commission adopts a declaratory resolution or an amendment to a declaratory resolution that contains an allocation provision and the redevelopment commission makes either of the filings required under section 17(e) of this chapter after the first anniversary of the effective date of the allocation provision, the auditor of the county in which the unit is

located shall compute the base assessed value for the allocation area using the assessment date immediately preceding the later of:

(1) the date on which the documents are filed with the county auditor; or

(2) the date on which the documents are filed with the department of local government finance.

SECTION 121. IC 36-7-14-39.2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.119-2012, SECTION 207, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 39.2. (a) This section applies to a county having a population of more than two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) but less than two hundred seventy thousand (270,000).

(b) As used in this section, "designated taxpayer" means any taxpayer designated by the commission in a declaratory resolution adopted or amended under section 15 or 17.5 of this chapter and with respect to which the commission finds that taxes to be derived from the taxpayer's depreciable personal property in the allocation area, in excess of the taxes attributable to the base assessed value of that personal property, are reasonably expected to exceed in one (1) or more future years the taxes to be derived from the taxpayer's real property in the allocation area in excess of the taxes attributable to the base assessed value of that real property.

(c) The allocation provision of a declaratory resolution may modify the definition of "property taxes" under section 39(a) of this chapter to include taxes imposed under IC 6-1.1 on the depreciable personal property of designated taxpayers, in accordance with the procedures and limitations set forth in this section and section 39 of this chapter. If such a modification is included in the resolution for purposes of section 39 of this chapter, the term "base assessed value" with respect to the depreciable personal property of designated taxpayers means, **subject to section 39(j) of this chapter,** the net assessed value of all the depreciable personal property as finally determined for the assessment date immediately preceding:

(1) the effective date of the modification, for modifications adopted before July 1, 1995; and

(2) the adoption date of the modification for modifications adopted after June 30, 1995;

as adjusted under section 39(h) of this chapter.

SECTION 122. IC 36-7-14-39.3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.6-2012, SECTION 244, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 39.3. (a) As used in this section, "depreciable personal property" refers to:

(1) all of the designated taxpayer's depreciable personal property

that is located in the allocation area; and

(2) all other depreciable property located and taxable on the designated taxpayer's site of operations within the allocation area.

(b) As used in this section, "designated taxpayer" means any taxpayer designated by the commission in a declaratory resolution adopted or amended under section 15 or 17.5 of this chapter, and with respect to which the commission finds that taxes to be derived from the depreciable personal property in the allocation area, in excess of the taxes attributable to the base assessed value of that personal property, are needed to pay debt service or to provide security for bonds issued under section 25.1 of this chapter or to make payments or to provide security on leases payable under section 25.2 of this chapter in order to provide local public improvements for a particular allocation area. However, a commission may not designate a taxpayer after June 30, 1992, unless the commission also finds that:

(1) the taxpayer's property in the allocation area will consist primarily of industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, research and development, processing, distribution, or transportation related projects or regulated amusement devices (as defined in IC 22-12-1-19.1) and related improvements; and

(2) the taxpayer's property in the allocation area will not consist primarily of retail, commercial, or residential projects, other than an amusement park or tourism industry project.

(c) The allocation provision of a declaratory resolution may modify the definition of "property taxes" under section 39(a) of this chapter to include taxes imposed under IC 6-1.1 on the depreciable personal property located and taxable on the site of operations of the designated taxpayers in accordance with the procedures and limitations set forth in this section and section 39 of this chapter. If such a modification is included in the resolution, for purposes of section 39 of this chapter the term "base assessed value" with respect to the depreciable personal property means, **subject to section 39(j) of this chapter,** the net assessed value of all the depreciable personal property as finally determined for the assessment date immediately preceding:

(1) the effective date of the modification, for modifications adopted before July 1, 1995; and

(2) the adoption date of the modification for modifications adopted after June 30, 1995;

as adjusted under section 39(h) of this chapter.

(d) A declaratory resolution of a city redevelopment commission that is adopted before March 20, 1990, is legalized and validated as if it had been adopted under this section.

(e) An action taken by a redevelopment commission before February 24, 1992, to designate a taxpayer, modify the definition of property taxes, or establish a base assessed value as described in this section, as in effect on February 24, 1992, is legalized and validated as if this section, as in effect on February 24, 1992, had been in effect on the date of the action.

(f) The amendment made to this section by P.L.41-1992, does not affect actions taken pursuant to P.L.35-1990.

(g) A declaratory resolution or an amendment to a declaratory resolution that was adopted by:

(1) a county redevelopment commission for a county; or

(2) a city redevelopment commission for a city;

before February 26, 1992, is legalized and validated as if the declaratory resolution or amendment had been adopted under this section as amended by P.L.147-1992.

SECTION 123. IC 36-7-14-48, AS AMENDED BY P.L.184-2016, SECTION 30, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 48. (a) Notwithstanding section 39(a) of this chapter, with respect to the allocation and distribution of property taxes for the accomplishment of a program adopted under section 45 of this chapter, "base assessed value" means, **subject to section 39(j) of this chapter,** the net assessed value of all of the property, other than personal property, as finally determined for the assessment date immediately preceding the effective date of the allocation provision, as adjusted under section 39(h) of this chapter.

(b) The allocation fund established under section 39(b) of this chapter for the allocation area for a program adopted under section 45 of this chapter may be used only for purposes related to the accomplishment of the program, including the following:

(1) The construction, rehabilitation, or repair of residential units within the allocation area.

(2) The construction, reconstruction, or repair of any infrastructure (including streets, sidewalks, and sewers) within or serving the allocation area.

(3) The acquisition of real property and interests in real property within the allocation area.

(4) The demolition of real property within the allocation area.

(5) The provision of financial assistance to enable individuals and families to purchase or lease residential units within the allocation area. However, financial assistance may be provided only to those individuals and families whose income is at or below the county's median income for individuals and families, respectively.

(6) The provision of financial assistance to neighborhood development corporations to permit them to provide financial assistance for the purposes described in subdivision (5).

(7) For property taxes first due and payable before January 1, 2009, providing each taxpayer in the allocation area a credit for property tax replacement as determined under subsections (c) and (d). However, the commission may provide this credit only if the municipal legislative body (in the case of a redevelopment commission established by a municipality) or the county executive (in the case of a redevelopment commission established by a county) establishes the credit by ordinance adopted in the year before the year in which the credit is provided.

(c) The maximum credit that may be provided under subsection (b)(7) to a taxpayer in a taxing district that contains all or part of an allocation area established for a program adopted under section 45 of this chapter shall be determined as follows:

STEP ONE: Determine that part of the sum of the amounts described in IC 6-1.1-21-2(g)(1)(A) and IC 6-1.1-21-2(g)(2) through IC 6-1.1-21-2(g)(5) (before their repeal) that is attributable to the taxing district.

STEP TWO: Divide:

(A) that part of each county's eligible property tax replacement amount (as defined in IC 6-1.1-21-2) (before its repeal) for that year as determined under IC 6-1.1-21-4(a)(1) (before its repeal) that is attributable to the taxing district; by

(B) the amount determined under STEP ONE.

STEP THREE: Multiply:

(A) the STEP TWO quotient; by

(B) the taxpayer's taxes (as defined in IC 6-1.1-21-2) (before its repeal) levied in the taxing district allocated to the allocation fund, including the amount that would have been allocated but for the credit.

(d) The commission may determine to grant to taxpayers in an allocation area from its allocation fund a credit under this section, as calculated under subsection (c). Except as provided in subsection (g), one-half (1/2) of the credit shall be applied to each installment of taxes (as defined in IC 6-1.1-21-2) (before its repeal) that under IC 6-1.1-22-9 are due and payable in a year. The commission must provide for the credit annually by a resolution and must find in the resolution the following:

(1) That the money to be collected and deposited in the allocation fund, based upon historical collection rates, after granting the

credit will equal the amounts payable for contractual obligations from the fund, plus ten percent (10%) of those amounts.

(2) If bonds payable from the fund are outstanding, that there is a debt service reserve for the bonds that at least equals the amount of the credit to be granted.

(3) If bonds of a lessor under section 25.2 of this chapter or under IC 36-1-10 are outstanding and if lease rentals are payable from the fund, that there is a debt service reserve for those bonds that at least equals the amount of the credit to be granted.

If the tax increment is insufficient to grant the credit in full, the commission may grant the credit in part, prorated among all taxpayers.

(e) Notwithstanding section 39(b) of this chapter, the allocation fund established under section 39(b) of this chapter for the allocation area for a program adopted under section 45 of this chapter may only be used to do one (1) or more of the following:

(1) Accomplish one (1) or more of the actions set forth in section 39(b)(3)(A) through 39(b)(3)(H) and 39(b)(3)(J) of this chapter for property that is residential in nature.

(2) Reimburse the county or municipality for expenditures made by the county or municipality in order to accomplish the housing program in that allocation area.

The allocation fund may not be used for operating expenses of the commission.

(f) Notwithstanding section 39(b) of this chapter, the commission shall, relative to the allocation fund established under section 39(b) of this chapter for an allocation area for a program adopted under section 45 of this chapter, do the following before June 15 of each year:

(1) Determine the amount, if any, by which the assessed value of the taxable property in the allocation area for the most recent assessment date minus the base assessed value, when multiplied by the estimated tax rate of the allocation area, will exceed the amount of assessed value needed to produce the property taxes necessary to:

(A) make the distribution required under section 39(b)(2) of this chapter;

(B) make, when due, principal and interest payments on bonds described in section 39(b)(3) of this chapter;

(C) pay the amount necessary for other purposes described in section 39(b)(3) of this chapter; and

(D) reimburse the county or municipality for anticipated expenditures described in subsection (e)(2).

(2) Provide a written notice to the county auditor, the fiscal body

of the county or municipality that established the department of redevelopment, the officers who are authorized to fix budgets, tax rates, and tax levies under IC 6-1.1-17-5 for each of the other taxing units that is wholly or partly located within the allocation area, and (in an electronic format) the department of local government finance. The notice must:

(A) state the amount, if any, of excess property taxes that the commission has determined may be paid to the respective taxing units in the manner prescribed in section 39(b)(1) of this chapter; or

(B) state that the commission has determined that there is no excess assessed value that may be allocated to the respective taxing units in the manner prescribed in subdivision (1).

The county auditor shall allocate to the respective taxing units the amount, if any, of excess assessed value determined by the commission.

(3) If:

(A) the amount of excess assessed value determined by the commission is expected to generate more than two hundred percent (200%) of the amount of allocated tax proceeds necessary to make, when due, principal and interest payments on bonds described in subdivision (1); plus

(B) the amount necessary for other purposes described in subdivision (1);

the commission shall submit to the legislative body of the unit its determination of the excess assessed value that the commission proposes to allocate to the respective taxing units in the manner prescribed in subdivision (2). The legislative body of the unit may approve the commission's determination or modify the amount of the excess assessed value that will be allocated to the respective taxing units in the manner prescribed in subdivision (2).

(g) This subsection applies to an allocation area only to the extent that the net assessed value of property that is assessed as residential property under the rules of the department of local government finance is not included in the base assessed value. If property tax installments with respect to a homestead (as defined in IC 6-1.1-12-37) are due in installments established by the department of local government finance under IC 6-1.1-22-9.5, each taxpayer subject to those installments in an allocation area is entitled to an additional credit under subsection (d) for the taxes (as defined in IC 6-1.1-21-2) (before its repeal) due in installments. The credit shall be applied in the same proportion to each installment of taxes (as defined in IC 6-1.1-21-2) (before its repeal).

SECTION 124. IC 36-7-14-52, AS AMENDED BY P.L.184-2016, SECTION 31, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 52. (a) Notwithstanding section 39(a) of this chapter, with respect to the allocation and distribution of property taxes for the accomplishment of the purposes of an age-restricted housing program adopted under section 49 of this chapter, "base assessed value" means, **subject to section 39(j) of this chapter,** the net assessed value of all of the property, other than personal property, as finally determined for the assessment date immediately preceding the effective date of the allocation provision, as adjusted under section 39(h) of this chapter.

(b) The allocation fund established under section 39(b) of this chapter for the allocation area for an age-restricted housing program adopted under section 49 of this chapter may be used only for purposes related to the accomplishment of the purposes of the program, including, but not limited to, the following:

(1) The construction of any infrastructure (including streets, sidewalks, and sewers) or local public improvements in, serving, or benefiting the allocation area.

(2) The acquisition of real property and interests in real property within the allocation area.

(3) The preparation of real property in anticipation of development of the real property within the allocation area.

(4) To do any of the following:

(A) Pay the principal of and interest on bonds or any other obligations payable from allocated tax proceeds in the allocation area that are incurred by the redevelopment district for the purpose of financing or refinancing the age-restricted housing program established under section 49 of this chapter for the allocation area.

(B) Establish, augment, or restore the debt service reserve for bonds payable solely or in part from allocated tax proceeds in the allocation area.

(C) Pay the principal of and interest on bonds payable from allocated tax proceeds in the allocation area and from the special tax levied under section 27 of this chapter.

(D) Pay the principal of and interest on bonds issued by the unit to pay for local public improvements that are physically located in or physically connected to the allocation area.

(E) Pay premiums on the redemption before maturity of bonds payable solely or in part from allocated tax proceeds in the allocation area.

(F) Make payments on leases payable from allocated tax proceeds in the allocation area under section 25.2 of this chapter.

(G) Reimburse the unit for expenditures made by the unit for local public improvements (which include buildings, parking facilities, and other items described in section 25.1(a) of this chapter) that are physically located in or physically connected to the allocation area.

(c) Notwithstanding section 39(b) of this chapter, the commission shall, relative to the allocation fund established under section 39(b) of this chapter for an allocation area for an age-restricted housing program adopted under section 49 of this chapter, do the following before June 15 of each year:

(1) Determine the amount, if any, by which the assessed value of the taxable property in the allocation area for the most recent assessment date minus the base assessed value, when multiplied by the estimated tax rate of the allocation area, will exceed the amount of assessed value needed to produce the property taxes necessary to:

(A) make the distribution required under section 39(b)(2) of this chapter;

(B) make, when due, principal and interest payments on bonds described in section 39(b)(3) of this chapter;

(C) pay the amount necessary for other purposes described in section 39(b)(3) of this chapter; and

(D) reimburse the county or municipality for anticipated expenditures described in subsection (b)(2).

(2) Provide a written notice to the county auditor, the fiscal body of the county or municipality that established the department of redevelopment, the officers who are authorized to fix budgets, tax rates, and tax levies under IC 6-1.1-17-5 for each of the other taxing units that is wholly or partly located within the allocation area, and (in an electronic format) the department of local government finance. The notice must:

(A) state the amount, if any, of excess property taxes that the commission has determined may be paid to the respective taxing units in the manner prescribed in section 39(b)(1) of this chapter; or

(B) state that the commission has determined that there is no excess assessed value that may be allocated to the respective taxing units in the manner prescribed in subdivision (1).

The county auditor shall allocate to the respective taxing units the

amount, if any, of excess assessed value determined by the commission.

SECTION 125. IC 36-7-15.1-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2008, SECTION 747, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 10. (a) After approval by the commission and the legislative body of the consolidated city under section 9 of this chapter, the commission shall publish notice of the adoption and substance of the resolution in accordance with IC 5-3-1. The notice must:

(1) state that maps, plats, or maps and plats have been prepared and can be inspected at the office of the department; and

(2) name a date when the commission will:

(A) receive and hear remonstrances and other testimony from persons interested in or affected by the proceeding pertaining to the proposed project or other actions to be taken under the resolution; and

(B) determine the public utility and benefit of the proposed project or other actions.

All persons affected in any manner by the hearing, including all taxpayers of the redevelopment district, shall be considered notified of the pendency of the hearing and of subsequent acts, hearings, adjournments, and orders of the commission by the notice given under this section.

(b) A copy of the notice of the hearing on the resolution shall be filed in the office of the commission, board of zoning appeals, works board, park board, and any other departments, bodies, or officers of the consolidated city having to do with planning, variances from zoning ordinances, land use, or the issuance of building permits. These agencies and officers shall take notice of the pendency of the hearing, and until the commission confirms, modifies and confirms, or rescinds the resolution, or the confirmation of the resolution is set aside on appeal, they may not, without approval of the commission:

(1) authorize any construction on property or sewers in the area described in the resolution, including substantial modifications, rebuilding, conversion, enlargement, additions, and major structural improvements; or

(2) take any action regarding the zoning or rezoning of property, or the opening, closing, or improvement of public ways in the area described in the resolution.

This subsection does not prohibit the granting of permits for ordinary maintenance or minor remodeling, or for changes necessary for the continued occupancy of buildings in the area.

(c) If the resolution to be considered at the hearing includes a provision establishing or amending an allocation provision under section 26 of this chapter, the commission shall file the following information with each taxing unit that is wholly or partly located within the allocation area:

(1) A copy of the notice required by subsection (a).

(2) A statement disclosing the impact of the allocation area, including the following:

(A) The estimated economic benefits and costs incurred by the allocation area, as measured by increased employment and anticipated growth of real property assessed values.

(B) The anticipated impact on tax revenues of each taxing unit.

The commission shall file the information required by this subsection with the officers of the taxing unit who are authorized to fix budgets, tax rates, and tax levies under IC 6-1.1-17-5 at least ten (10) days before the date of the hearing.

(d) At the hearing, which may be adjourned from time to time, the commission shall hear all persons interested in the proceedings and shall consider all written remonstrances and objections that have been filed. After considering the evidence presented, the commission shall take final action determining the public utility and benefit of the proposed project or other actions to be taken under the resolution, and confirming, modifying and confirming, or rescinding the resolution. The final action taken by the commission shall be recorded and is final and conclusive, except that an appeal may be taken under section 11 of this chapter.

(e) If the commission adopts the resolution and the resolution includes a provision establishing or amending an allocation provision under section 26 of this chapter, the commission shall file a copy of the resolution with both the auditor of the county in which the unit is located and the department of local government finance, together with any supporting documents that are relevant to the computation of assessed values in the allocation area, within thirty (30) days after the date on which the commission takes final action on the resolution.

SECTION 126. IC 36-7-15.1-26, AS AMENDED BY P.L.86-2018, SECTION 345, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 26. (a) As used in this section:

"Allocation area" means that part of a redevelopment project area to which an allocation provision of a resolution adopted under section 8 of this chapter refers for purposes of distribution and allocation of property taxes.

"Base assessed value" means, **subject to subsection (j),** the following:

(1) If an allocation provision is adopted after June 30, 1995, in a declaratory resolution or an amendment to a declaratory resolution establishing an economic development area:

(A) the net assessed value of all the property as finally determined for the assessment date immediately preceding the effective date of the allocation provision of the declaratory resolution, as adjusted under subsection (h); plus

(B) to the extent that it is not included in clause (A), the net assessed value of property that is assessed as residential property under the rules of the department of local government finance, **within the allocation area,** as finally determined for ~~any~~ **the current** assessment date. ~~after the effective date of the allocation provision.~~

(2) If an allocation provision is adopted after June 30, 1997, in a declaratory resolution or an amendment to a declaratory resolution establishing a redevelopment project area:

(A) the net assessed value of all the property as finally determined for the assessment date immediately preceding the effective date of the allocation provision of the declaratory resolution, as adjusted under subsection (h); plus

(B) to the extent that it is not included in clause (A), the net assessed value of property that is assessed as residential property under the rules of the department of local government finance, **within the allocation area,** as finally determined for ~~any~~ **the current** assessment date. ~~after the effective date of the allocation provision.~~

(3) If:

(A) an allocation provision adopted before June 30, 1995, in a declaratory resolution or an amendment to a declaratory resolution establishing a redevelopment project area expires after June 30, 1997; and

(B) after June 30, 1997, a new allocation provision is included in an amendment to the declaratory resolution;

the net assessed value of all the property as finally determined for the assessment date immediately preceding the effective date of the allocation provision adopted after June 30, 1997, as adjusted under subsection (h).

(4) Except as provided in subdivision (5), for all other allocation areas, the net assessed value of all the property as finally determined for the assessment date immediately preceding the

effective date of the allocation provision of the declaratory resolution, as adjusted under subsection (h).

(5) If an allocation area established in an economic development area before July 1, 1995, is expanded after June 30, 1995, the definition in subdivision (1) applies to the expanded part of the area added after June 30, 1995.

(6) If an allocation area established in a redevelopment project area before July 1, 1997, is expanded after June 30, 1997, the definition in subdivision (2) applies to the expanded part of the area added after June 30, 1997.

Except as provided in section 26.2 of this chapter, "property taxes" means taxes imposed under IC 6-1.1 on real property. However, upon approval by a resolution of the redevelopment commission adopted before June 1, 1987, "property taxes" also includes taxes imposed under IC 6-1.1 on depreciable personal property. If a redevelopment commission adopted before June 1, 1987, a resolution to include within the definition of property taxes, taxes imposed under IC 6-1.1 on depreciable personal property that has a useful life in excess of eight (8) years, the commission may by resolution determine the percentage of taxes imposed under IC 6-1.1 on all depreciable personal property that will be included within the definition of property taxes. However, the percentage included must not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the taxes imposed under IC 6-1.1 on all depreciable personal property.

(b) A resolution adopted under section 8 of this chapter on or before the allocation deadline determined under subsection (i) may include a provision with respect to the allocation and distribution of property taxes for the purposes and in the manner provided in this section. A resolution previously adopted may include an allocation provision by the amendment of that resolution on or before the allocation deadline determined under subsection (i) in accordance with the procedures required for its original adoption. A declaratory resolution or amendment that establishes an allocation provision must include a specific finding of fact, supported by evidence, that the adoption of the allocation provision will result in new property taxes in the area that would not have been generated but for the adoption of the allocation provision. For an allocation area established before July 1, 1995, the expiration date of any allocation provisions for the allocation area is June 30, 2025, or the last date of any obligations that are outstanding on July 1, 2015, whichever is later. However, for an allocation area identified as the Consolidated Allocation Area in the report submitted in 2013 to the fiscal body under section 36.3 of this chapter, the expiration date of any allocation provisions for the allocation area is

January 1, 2051. A declaratory resolution or an amendment that establishes an allocation provision after June 30, 1995, must specify an expiration date for the allocation provision. For an allocation area established before July 1, 2008, the expiration date may not be more than thirty (30) years after the date on which the allocation provision is established. For an allocation area established after June 30, 2008, the expiration date may not be more than twenty-five (25) years after the date on which the first obligation was incurred to pay principal and interest on bonds or lease rentals on leases payable from tax increment revenues. However, with respect to bonds or other obligations that were issued before July 1, 2008, if any of the bonds or other obligations that were scheduled when issued to mature before the specified expiration date and that are payable only from allocated tax proceeds with respect to the allocation area remain outstanding as of the expiration date, the allocation provision does not expire until all of the bonds or other obligations are no longer outstanding. The allocation provision may apply to all or part of the redevelopment project area. The allocation provision must require that any property taxes subsequently levied by or for the benefit of any public body entitled to a distribution of property taxes on taxable property in the allocation area be allocated and distributed as follows:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the proceeds of the taxes attributable to the lesser of:

(A) the assessed value of the property for the assessment date with respect to which the allocation and distribution is made; or

(B) the base assessed value;

shall be allocated to and, when collected, paid into the funds of the respective taxing units.

(2) The excess of the proceeds of the property taxes imposed for the assessment date with respect to which the allocation and distribution is made that are attributable to taxes imposed after being approved by the voters in a referendum or local public question conducted after April 30, 2010, not otherwise included in subdivision (1) shall be allocated to and, when collected, paid into the funds of the taxing unit for which the referendum or local public question was conducted.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this section, property tax proceeds in excess of those described in subdivisions (1) and (2) shall be allocated to the redevelopment district and, when collected, paid into a special fund for that allocation area that may be used by the redevelopment district only to do one (1) or more

of the following:

(A) Pay the principal of and interest on any obligations payable solely from allocated tax proceeds that are incurred by the redevelopment district for the purpose of financing or refinancing the redevelopment of that allocation area.

(B) Establish, augment, or restore the debt service reserve for bonds payable solely or in part from allocated tax proceeds in that allocation area.

(C) Pay the principal of and interest on bonds payable from allocated tax proceeds in that allocation area and from the special tax levied under section 19 of this chapter.

(D) Pay the principal of and interest on bonds issued by the consolidated city to pay for local public improvements that are physically located in or physically connected to that allocation area.

(E) Pay premiums on the redemption before maturity of bonds payable solely or in part from allocated tax proceeds in that allocation area.

(F) Make payments on leases payable from allocated tax proceeds in that allocation area under section 17.1 of this chapter.

(G) Reimburse the consolidated city for expenditures for local public improvements (which include buildings, parking facilities, and other items set forth in section 17 of this chapter) that are physically located in or physically connected to that allocation area.

(H) Reimburse the unit for rentals paid by it for a building or parking facility that is physically located in or physically connected to that allocation area under any lease entered into under IC 36-1-10.

(I) Reimburse public and private entities for expenses incurred in training employees of industrial facilities that are located:

(i) in the allocation area; and

(ii) on a parcel of real property that has been classified as industrial property under the rules of the department of local government finance.

However, the total amount of money spent for this purpose in any year may not exceed the total amount of money in the allocation fund that is attributable to property taxes paid by the industrial facilities described in this clause. The reimbursements under this clause must be made within three (3) years after the date on which the investments that are the

basis for the increment financing are made.

(J) Pay the costs of carrying out an eligible efficiency project (as defined in IC 36-9-41-1.5) within the unit that established the redevelopment commission. However, property tax proceeds may be used under this clause to pay the costs of carrying out an eligible efficiency project only if those property tax proceeds exceed the amount necessary to do the following:

(i) Make, when due, any payments required under clauses (A) through (I), including any payments of principal and interest on bonds and other obligations payable under this subdivision, any payments of premiums under this subdivision on the redemption before maturity of bonds, and any payments on leases payable under this subdivision.

(ii) Make any reimbursements required under this subdivision.

(iii) Pay any expenses required under this subdivision.

(iv) Establish, augment, or restore any debt service reserve under this subdivision.

(K) Expend money and provide financial assistance as authorized in section 7(a)(21) of this chapter.

The special fund may not be used for operating expenses of the commission.

(4) Before June 15 of each year, the commission shall do the following:

(A) Determine the amount, if any, by which the assessed value of the taxable property in the allocation area for the most recent assessment date minus the base assessed value, when multiplied by the estimated tax rate of the allocation area will exceed the amount of assessed value needed to provide the property taxes necessary to make, when due, principal and interest payments on bonds described in subdivision (3) plus the amount necessary for other purposes described in subdivision (3) and subsection (g).

(B) Provide a written notice to the county auditor, the legislative body of the consolidated city, the officers who are authorized to fix budgets, tax rates, and tax levies under IC 6-1.1-17-5 for each of the other taxing units that is wholly or partly located within the allocation area, and (in an electronic format) the department of local government finance. The notice must:

(i) state the amount, if any, of excess assessed value that the

commission has determined may be allocated to the respective taxing units in the manner prescribed in subdivision (1); or

(ii) state that the commission has determined that there is no excess assessed value that may be allocated to the respective taxing units in the manner prescribed in subdivision (1).

The county auditor shall allocate to the respective taxing units the amount, if any, of excess assessed value determined by the commission. The commission may not authorize an allocation to the respective taxing units under this subdivision if to do so would endanger the interests of the holders of bonds described in subdivision (3).

(C) If:

(i) the amount of excess assessed value determined by the commission is expected to generate more than two hundred percent (200%) of the amount of allocated tax proceeds necessary to make, when due, principal and interest payments on bonds described in subdivision (3); plus

(ii) the amount necessary for other purposes described in subdivision (3) and subsection (g);

the commission shall submit to the legislative body of the unit the commission's determination of the excess assessed value that the commission proposes to allocate to the respective taxing units in the manner prescribed in subdivision (1). The legislative body of the unit may approve the commission's determination or modify the amount of the excess assessed value that will be allocated to the respective taxing units in the manner prescribed in subdivision (1).

(c) For the purpose of allocating taxes levied by or for any taxing unit or units, the assessed value of taxable property in a territory in the allocation area that is annexed by any taxing unit after the effective date of the allocation provision of the resolution is the lesser of:

(1) the assessed value of the property for the assessment date with respect to which the allocation and distribution is made; or

(2) the base assessed value.

(d) Property tax proceeds allocable to the redevelopment district under subsection (b)(3) may, subject to subsection (b)(4), be irrevocably pledged by the redevelopment district for payment as set forth in subsection (b)(3).

(e) Notwithstanding any other law, each assessor shall, upon petition of the commission, reassess the taxable property situated upon or in, or added to, the allocation area, effective on the next assessment

date after the petition.

(f) Notwithstanding any other law, the assessed value of all taxable property in the allocation area, for purposes of tax limitation, property tax replacement, and formulation of the budget, tax rate, and tax levy for each political subdivision in which the property is located is the lesser of:

(1) the assessed value of the property as valued without regard to this section; or

(2) the base assessed value.

(g) If any part of the allocation area is located in an enterprise zone created under IC 5-28-15, the unit that designated the allocation area shall create funds as specified in this subsection. A unit that has obligations, bonds, or leases payable from allocated tax proceeds under subsection (b)(3) shall establish an allocation fund for the purposes specified in subsection (b)(3) and a special zone fund. Such a unit shall, until the end of the enterprise zone phase out period, deposit each year in the special zone fund the amount in the allocation fund derived from property tax proceeds in excess of those described in subsection (b)(1) and (b)(2) from property located in the enterprise zone that exceeds the amount sufficient for the purposes specified in subsection (b)(3) for the year. A unit that has no obligations, bonds, or leases payable from allocated tax proceeds under subsection (b)(3) shall establish a special zone fund and deposit all the property tax proceeds in excess of those described in subsection (b)(1) and (b)(2) in the fund derived from property tax proceeds in excess of those described in subsection (b)(1) and (b)(2) from property located in the enterprise zone. The unit that creates the special zone fund shall use the fund, based on the recommendations of the urban enterprise association, for one (1) or more of the following purposes:

(1) To pay for programs in job training, job enrichment, and basic skill development designed to benefit residents and employers in the enterprise zone. The programs must reserve at least one-half (1/2) of the enrollment in any session for residents of the enterprise zone.

(2) To make loans and grants for the purpose of stimulating business activity in the enterprise zone or providing employment for enterprise zone residents in the enterprise zone. These loans and grants may be made to the following:

(A) Businesses operating in the enterprise zone.

(B) Businesses that will move their operations to the enterprise zone if such a loan or grant is made.

(3) To provide funds to carry out other purposes specified in

subsection (b)(3). However, where reference is made in subsection (b)(3) to the allocation area, the reference refers for purposes of payments from the special zone fund only to that part of the allocation area that is also located in the enterprise zone.

(h) The state board of accounts and department of local government finance shall make the rules and prescribe the forms and procedures that they consider expedient for the implementation of this chapter. After each reassessment under a reassessment plan prepared under IC 6-1.1-4-4.2, the department of local government finance shall adjust the base assessed value one (1) time to neutralize any effect of the reassessment of the real property in the area on the property tax proceeds allocated to the redevelopment district under this section. After each annual adjustment under IC 6-1.1-4-4.5, the department of local government finance shall adjust the base assessed value to neutralize any effect of the annual adjustment on the property tax proceeds allocated to the redevelopment district under this section. However, the adjustments under this subsection may not include the effect of property tax abatements under IC 6-1.1-12.1, and these adjustments may not produce less property tax proceeds allocable to the redevelopment district under subsection (b)(3) than would otherwise have been received if the reassessment under the reassessment plan or annual adjustment had not occurred. The department of local government finance may prescribe procedures for county and township officials to follow to assist the department in making the adjustments.

(i) The allocation deadline referred to in subsection (b) is determined in the following manner:

(1) The initial allocation deadline is December 31, 2011.

(2) Subject to subdivision (3), the initial allocation deadline and subsequent allocation deadlines are automatically extended in increments of five (5) years, so that allocation deadlines subsequent to the initial allocation deadline fall on December 31, 2016, and December 31 of each fifth year thereafter.

(3) At least one (1) year before the date of an allocation deadline determined under subdivision (2), the general assembly may enact a law that:

(A) terminates the automatic extension of allocation deadlines under subdivision (2); and

(B) specifically designates a particular date as the final allocation deadline.

(j) If the commission adopts a declaratory resolution or an amendment to a declaratory resolution that contains an allocation

provision and the commission makes either of the filings required under section 10(e) of this chapter after the first anniversary of the effective date of the allocation provision, the auditor of the county in which the unit is located shall compute the base assessed value for the allocation area using the assessment date immediately preceding the later of:

(1) the date on which the documents are filed with the county auditor; or

(2) the date on which the documents are filed with the department of local government finance.

SECTION 127. IC 36-7-15.1-26.2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.172-2011, SECTION 153, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 26.2. (a) As used in this section, "depreciable personal property" refers to all of the designated taxpayer's depreciable personal property that is located in the allocation area.

(b) As used in this section, "designated taxpayer" means a taxpayer designated by the commission in a declaratory resolution adopted or amended under section 8 or 10.5 of this chapter, and with respect to which the commission finds that:

(1) taxes to be derived from the taxpayer's depreciable personal property in the allocation area, in excess of the taxes attributable to the base assessed value of that personal property, are needed to pay debt service for bonds issued under section 17 of this chapter or to make payments on leases payable under section 17.1 of this chapter in order to provide local public improvements for a particular allocation area;

(2) the taxpayer's property in the allocation area will consist primarily of industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, research and development, processing, distribution, transportation, or convention center hotel related projects or regulated amusement devices (as defined in IC 22-12-1-19.1) and related improvements; and

(3) the taxpayer's property in the allocation area will not consist primarily of retail, commercial, or residential projects, other than an amusement park or tourism industry project.

For purposes of subdivision (3), a convention center hotel project is not considered a retail, commercial, or residential project.

(c) The allocation provision of a declaratory resolution may modify the definition of "property taxes" under section 26(a) of this chapter to include taxes imposed under IC 6-1.1 on the depreciable personal property of designated taxpayers in accordance with the procedures and

limitations set forth in this section and section 26 of this chapter. If such a modification is included in the resolution, for purposes of section 26 of this chapter the term "base assessed value" with respect to the depreciable personal property of designated taxpayers means, **subject to section 26(j) of this chapter,** the net assessed value of the depreciable personal property as finally determined for the assessment date immediately preceding:

(1) the effective date of the modification, for modifications adopted before July 1, 1995; and

(2) the adoption date of the modification for modifications adopted after June 30, 1995;

as adjusted under section 26(h) of this chapter.

SECTION 128. IC 36-7-15.1-35, AS AMENDED BY P.L.184-2016, SECTION 33, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 35. (a) Notwithstanding section 26(a) of this chapter, with respect to the allocation and distribution of property taxes for the accomplishment of a program adopted under section 32 of this chapter, "base assessed value" means, **subject to section 26(j) of this chapter,** the net assessed value of all of the land as finally determined for the assessment date immediately preceding the effective date of the allocation provision, as adjusted under section 26(h) of this chapter. However, "base assessed value" does not include the value of real property improvements to the land.

(b) The special fund established under section 26(b) of this chapter for the allocation area for a program adopted under section 32 of this chapter may be used only for purposes related to the accomplishment of the program, including the following:

(1) The construction, rehabilitation, or repair of residential units within the allocation area.

(2) The construction, reconstruction, or repair of infrastructure (such as streets, sidewalks, and sewers) within or serving the allocation area.

(3) The acquisition of real property and interests in real property within the allocation area.

(4) The demolition of real property within the allocation area.

(5) To provide financial assistance to enable individuals and families to purchase or lease residential units within the allocation area. However, financial assistance may be provided only to those individuals and families whose income is at or below the county's median income for individuals and families, respectively.

(6) To provide financial assistance to neighborhood development corporations to permit them to provide financial assistance for the

purposes described in subdivision (5).

(7) For property taxes first due and payable before 2009, to provide each taxpayer in the allocation area a credit for property tax replacement as determined under subsections (c) and (d). However, this credit may be provided by the commission only if the city-county legislative body establishes the credit by ordinance adopted in the year before the year in which the credit is provided.

(c) The maximum credit that may be provided under subsection (b)(7) to a taxpayer in a taxing district that contains all or part of an allocation area established for a program adopted under section 32 of this chapter shall be determined as follows:

STEP ONE: Determine that part of the sum of the amounts described in IC 6-1.1-21-2(g)(1)(A) and IC 6-1.1-21-2(g)(2) through IC 6-1.1-21-2(g)(5) (before their repeal) that is attributable to the taxing district.

STEP TWO: Divide:

(A) that part of each county's eligible property tax replacement amount (as defined in IC 6-1.1-21-2 (before its repeal)) for that year as determined under IC 6-1.1-21-4(a)(1) (before its repeal) that is attributable to the taxing district; by

(B) the amount determined under STEP ONE.

STEP THREE: Multiply:

(A) the STEP TWO quotient; by

(B) the taxpayer's taxes (as defined in IC 6-1.1-21-2 (before its repeal)) levied in the taxing district allocated to the allocation fund, including the amount that would have been allocated but for the credit.

(d) Except as provided in subsection (g), the commission may determine to grant to taxpayers in an allocation area from its allocation fund a credit under this section, as calculated under subsection (c), by applying one-half (1/2) of the credit to each installment of taxes (as defined in IC 6-1.1-21-2 (before its repeal)) that under IC 6-1.1-22-9 are due and payable in a year. Except as provided in subsection (g), one-half (1/2) of the credit shall be applied to each installment of taxes (as defined in IC 6-1.1-21-2 (before its repeal)). The commission must provide for the credit annually by a resolution and must find in the resolution the following:

(1) That the money to be collected and deposited in the allocation fund, based upon historical collection rates, after granting the credit will equal the amounts payable for contractual obligations from the fund, plus ten percent (10%) of those amounts.

(2) If bonds payable from the fund are outstanding, that there is a debt service reserve for the bonds that at least equals the amount of the credit to be granted.

(3) If bonds of a lessor under section 17.1 of this chapter or under IC 36-1-10 are outstanding and if lease rentals are payable from the fund, that there is a debt service reserve for those bonds that at least equals the amount of the credit to be granted.

If the tax increment is insufficient to grant the credit in full, the commission may grant the credit in part, prorated among all taxpayers.

(e) Notwithstanding section 26(b) of this chapter, the special fund established under section 26(b) of this chapter for the allocation area for a program adopted under section 32 of this chapter may only be used to do one (1) or more of the following:

(1) Accomplish one (1) or more of the actions set forth in section 26(b)(3)(A) through 26(b)(3)(H) of this chapter.

(2) Reimburse the consolidated city for expenditures made by the city in order to accomplish the housing program in that allocation area.

The special fund may not be used for operating expenses of the commission.

(f) Notwithstanding section 26(b) of this chapter, the commission shall, relative to the special fund established under section 26(b) of this chapter for an allocation area for a program adopted under section 32 of this chapter, do the following before June 15 of each year:

(1) Determine the amount, if any, by which the assessed value of the taxable property in the allocation area, when multiplied by the estimated tax rate of the allocation area, will exceed the amount of assessed value needed to produce the property taxes necessary to:

(A) make the distribution required under section 26(b)(2) of this chapter;

(B) make, when due, principal and interest payments on bonds described in section 26(b)(3) of this chapter;

(C) pay the amount necessary for other purposes described in section 26(b)(3) of this chapter; and

(D) reimburse the consolidated city for anticipated expenditures described in subsection (e)(2).

(2) Provide a written notice to the county auditor, the legislative body of the consolidated city, the officers who are authorized to fix budgets, tax rates, and tax levies under IC 6-1.1-17-5 for each of the other taxing units that is wholly or partly located within the allocation area, and (in an electronic format) the department of

local government finance. The notice must:

(A) state the amount, if any, of excess assessed value that the commission has determined may be allocated to the respective taxing units in the manner prescribed in section 26(b)(1) of this chapter; or

(B) state that the commission has determined that there is no excess assessed value that may be allocated to the respective taxing units in the manner prescribed in section 26(b)(1) of this chapter.

The county auditor shall allocate to the respective taxing units the amount, if any, of excess assessed value determined by the commission.

(g) This subsection applies to an allocation area only to the extent that the net assessed value of property that is assessed as residential property under the rules of the department of local government finance is not included in the base assessed value. If property tax installments with respect to a homestead (as defined in IC 6-1.1-20.9-1 (before its repeal)) are due in installments established by the department of local government finance under IC 6-1.1-22-9.5, each taxpayer subject to those installments in an allocation area is entitled to an additional credit under subsection (d) for the taxes (as defined in IC 6-1.1-21-2 (before its repeal)) due in installments. The credit shall be applied in the same proportion to each installment of taxes (as defined in IC 6-1.1-21-2 (before its repeal)).

SECTION 129. IC 36-7-15.1-53, AS AMENDED BY P.L.86-2018, SECTION 346, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 53. (a) As used in this section:

"Allocation area" means that part of a redevelopment project area to which an allocation provision of a resolution adopted under section 40 of this chapter refers for purposes of distribution and allocation of property taxes.

"Base assessed value" means, **subject to subsection (j):**

(1) the net assessed value of all the property as finally determined for the assessment date immediately preceding the effective date of the allocation provision of the declaratory resolution, as adjusted under subsection (h); plus

(2) to the extent that it is not included in subdivision (1), the net assessed value of property that is assessed as residential property under the rules of the department of local government finance, as finally determined for ~~any~~ **the current** assessment date. ~~after the effective date of the allocation provision.~~

Except as provided in section 55 of this chapter, "property taxes"

means taxes imposed under IC 6-1.1 on real property.

(b) A resolution adopted under section 40 of this chapter on or before the allocation deadline determined under subsection (i) may include a provision with respect to the allocation and distribution of property taxes for the purposes and in the manner provided in this section. A resolution previously adopted may include an allocation provision by the amendment of that resolution on or before the allocation deadline determined under subsection (i) in accordance with the procedures required for its original adoption. A declaratory resolution or an amendment that establishes an allocation provision must be approved by resolution of the legislative body of the excluded city and must specify an expiration date for the allocation provision. For an allocation area established before July 1, 2008, the expiration date may not be more than thirty (30) years after the date on which the allocation provision is established. For an allocation area established after June 30, 2008, the expiration date may not be more than twenty-five (25) years after the date on which the first obligation was incurred to pay principal and interest on bonds or lease rentals on leases payable from tax increment revenues. However, with respect to bonds or other obligations that were issued before July 1, 2008, if any of the bonds or other obligations that were scheduled when issued to mature before the specified expiration date and that are payable only from allocated tax proceeds with respect to the allocation area remain outstanding as of the expiration date, the allocation provision does not expire until all of the bonds or other obligations are no longer outstanding. The allocation provision may apply to all or part of the redevelopment project area. The allocation provision must require that any property taxes subsequently levied by or for the benefit of any public body entitled to a distribution of property taxes on taxable property in the allocation area be allocated and distributed as follows:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the proceeds of the taxes attributable to the lesser of:

(A) the assessed value of the property for the assessment date with respect to which the allocation and distribution is made; or

(B) the base assessed value;

shall be allocated to and, when collected, paid into the funds of the respective taxing units.

(2) The excess of the proceeds of the property taxes imposed for the assessment date with respect to which the allocation and distribution is made that are attributable to taxes imposed after being approved by the voters in a referendum or local public

question conducted after April 30, 2010, not otherwise included in subdivision (1) shall be allocated to and, when collected, paid into the funds of the taxing unit for which the referendum or local public question was conducted.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this section, property tax proceeds in excess of those described in subdivisions (1) and (2) shall be allocated to the redevelopment district and, when collected, paid into a special fund for that allocation area that may be used by the redevelopment district only to do one (1) or more of the following:

(A) Pay the principal of and interest on any obligations payable solely from allocated tax proceeds that are incurred by the redevelopment district for the purpose of financing or refinancing the redevelopment of that allocation area.

(B) Establish, augment, or restore the debt service reserve for bonds payable solely or in part from allocated tax proceeds in that allocation area.

(C) Pay the principal of and interest on bonds payable from allocated tax proceeds in that allocation area and from the special tax levied under section 50 of this chapter.

(D) Pay the principal of and interest on bonds issued by the excluded city to pay for local public improvements that are physically located in or physically connected to that allocation area.

(E) Pay premiums on the redemption before maturity of bonds payable solely or in part from allocated tax proceeds in that allocation area.

(F) Make payments on leases payable from allocated tax proceeds in that allocation area under section 46 of this chapter.

(G) Reimburse the excluded city for expenditures for local public improvements (which include buildings, park facilities, and other items set forth in section 45 of this chapter) that are physically located in or physically connected to that allocation area.

(H) Reimburse the unit for rentals paid by it for a building or parking facility that is physically located in or physically connected to that allocation area under any lease entered into under IC 36-1-10.

(I) Reimburse public and private entities for expenses incurred in training employees of industrial facilities that are located:

(i) in the allocation area; and

(ii) on a parcel of real property that has been classified as industrial property under the rules of the department of local government finance.

However, the total amount of money spent for this purpose in any year may not exceed the total amount of money in the allocation fund that is attributable to property taxes paid by the industrial facilities described in this clause. The reimbursements under this clause must be made within three (3) years after the date on which the investments that are the basis for the increment financing are made.

The special fund may not be used for operating expenses of the commission.

(4) Before June 15 of each year, the commission shall do the following:

(A) Determine the amount, if any, by which the assessed value of the taxable property in the allocation area for the most recent assessment date minus the base assessed value, when multiplied by the estimated tax rate of the allocation area, will exceed the amount of assessed value needed to provide the property taxes necessary to make, when due, principal and interest payments on bonds described in subdivision (3) plus the amount necessary for other purposes described in subdivision (3) and subsection (g).

(B) Provide a written notice to the county auditor, the fiscal body of the county or municipality that established the department of redevelopment, the officers who are authorized to fix budgets, tax rates, and tax levies under IC 6-1.1-17-5 for each of the other taxing units that is wholly or partly located within the allocation area, and (in an electronic format) the department of local government finance. The notice must:

(i) state the amount, if any, of excess assessed value that the commission has determined may be allocated to the respective taxing units in the manner prescribed in subdivision (1); or

(ii) state that the commission has determined that there is no excess assessed value that may be allocated to the respective taxing units in the manner prescribed in subdivision (1).

The county auditor shall allocate to the respective taxing units the amount, if any, of excess assessed value determined by the commission. The commission may not authorize an allocation to the respective taxing units under this subdivision if to do so would endanger the interests of the holders of bonds described

in subdivision (3).

(c) For the purpose of allocating taxes levied by or for any taxing unit or units, the assessed value of taxable property in a territory in the allocation area that is annexed by any taxing unit after the effective date of the allocation provision of the resolution is the lesser of:

(1) the assessed value of the property for the assessment date with respect to which the allocation and distribution is made; or

(2) the base assessed value.

(d) Property tax proceeds allocable to the redevelopment district under subsection (b)(3) may, subject to subsection (b)(4), be irrevocably pledged by the redevelopment district for payment as set forth in subsection (b)(3).

(e) Notwithstanding any other law, each assessor shall, upon petition of the commission, reassess the taxable property situated upon or in, or added to, the allocation area, effective on the next assessment date after the petition.

(f) Notwithstanding any other law, the assessed value of all taxable property in the allocation area, for purposes of tax limitation, property tax replacement, and formulation of the budget, tax rate, and tax levy for each political subdivision in which the property is located, is the lesser of:

(1) the assessed value of the property as valued without regard to this section; or

(2) the base assessed value.

(g) If any part of the allocation area is located in an enterprise zone created under IC 5-28-15, the unit that designated the allocation area shall create funds as specified in this subsection. A unit that has obligations, bonds, or leases payable from allocated tax proceeds under subsection (b)(3) shall establish an allocation fund for the purposes specified in subsection (b)(3) and a special zone fund. Such a unit shall, until the end of the enterprise zone phase out period, deposit each year in the special zone fund the amount in the allocation fund derived from property tax proceeds in excess of those described in subsection (b)(1) and (b)(2) from property located in the enterprise zone that exceeds the amount sufficient for the purposes specified in subsection (b)(3) for the year. A unit that has no obligations, bonds, or leases payable from allocated tax proceeds under subsection (b)(3) shall establish a special zone fund and deposit all the property tax proceeds in excess of those described in subsection (b)(1) and (b)(2) in the fund derived from property tax proceeds in excess of those described in subsection (b)(1) and (b)(2) from property located in the enterprise zone. The unit that creates the special zone fund shall use the fund,

based on the recommendations of the urban enterprise association, for one (1) or more of the following purposes:

(1) To pay for programs in job training, job enrichment, and basic skill development designed to benefit residents and employers in the enterprise zone. The programs must reserve at least one-half (1/2) of the enrollment in any session for residents of the enterprise zone.

(2) To make loans and grants for the purpose of stimulating business activity in the enterprise zone or providing employment for enterprise zone residents in an enterprise zone. These loans and grants may be made to the following:

(A) Businesses operating in the enterprise zone.

(B) Businesses that will move their operations to the enterprise zone if such a loan or grant is made.

(3) To provide funds to carry out other purposes specified in subsection (b)(3). However, where reference is made in subsection (b)(3) to the allocation area, the reference refers, for purposes of payments from the special zone fund, only to that part of the allocation area that is also located in the enterprise zone.

(h) The state board of accounts and department of local government finance shall make the rules and prescribe the forms and procedures that they consider expedient for the implementation of this chapter. After each reassessment of real property in an area under a county's reassessment plan prepared under IC 6-1.1-4-4.2, the department of local government finance shall adjust the base assessed value one (1) time to neutralize any effect of the reassessment of the real property in the area on the property tax proceeds allocated to the redevelopment district under this section. After each annual adjustment under IC 6-1.1-4-4.5, the department of local government finance shall adjust the base assessed value to neutralize any effect of the annual adjustment on the property tax proceeds allocated to the redevelopment district under this section. However, the adjustments under this subsection may not include the effect of property tax abatements under IC 6-1.1-12.1, and these adjustments may not produce less property tax proceeds allocable to the redevelopment district under subsection (b)(3) than would otherwise have been received if the reassessment under the county's reassessment plan or annual adjustment had not occurred. The department of local government finance may prescribe procedures for county and township officials to follow to assist the department in making the adjustments.

(i) The allocation deadline referred to in subsection (b) is determined in the following manner:

(1) The initial allocation deadline is December 31, 2011.

(2) Subject to subdivision (3), the initial allocation deadline and subsequent allocation deadlines are automatically extended in increments of five (5) years, so that allocation deadlines subsequent to the initial allocation deadline fall on December 31, 2016, and December 31 of each fifth year thereafter.

(3) At least one (1) year before the date of an allocation deadline determined under subdivision (2), the general assembly may enact a law that:

(A) terminates the automatic extension of allocation deadlines under subdivision (2); and

(B) specifically designates a particular date as the final allocation deadline.

(j) If the commission adopts a declaratory resolution or an amendment to a declaratory resolution that contains an allocation provision and the commission makes either of the filings required under section 10(e) of this chapter after the first anniversary of the effective date of the allocation provision, the auditor of the county in which the unit is located shall compute the base assessed value for the allocation area using the assessment date immediately preceding the later of:

(1) the date on which the documents are filed with the county auditor; or

(2) the date on which the documents are filed with the department of local government finance.

SECTION 130. IC 36-7-15.1-55, AS AMENDED BY P.L.172-2011, SECTION 155, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 55. (a) As used in this section, "depreciable personal property" refers to all of the designated taxpayer's depreciable personal property that is located in the allocation area.

(b) As used in this section, "designated taxpayer" means a taxpayer designated by the commission in a declaratory resolution adopted or amended under section 40(a) or 40(b) of this chapter, and with respect to which the commission finds that:

(1) taxes to be derived from the taxpayer's depreciable personal property in the allocation area, in excess of the taxes attributable to the base assessed value of that personal property, are needed to pay debt service for bonds issued under section 45 of this chapter to make payments on leases payable under section 46 of this chapter in order to provide local public improvements for a particular allocation area;

(2) the taxpayer's property in the allocation area will consist primarily of industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, research and development, processing, distribution, or transportation related projects or regulated amusement devices (as defined in IC 22-12-1-19.1) and related improvements; and

(3) the taxpayer's property in the allocation area will not consist primarily of retail, commercial, or residential projects, other than an amusement park or tourism industry project.

(c) The allocation provision of a declaratory resolution may modify the definition of "property taxes" under section 53(a) of this chapter to include taxes imposed under IC 6-1.1 on the depreciable personal property of designated taxpayers in accordance with the procedures and limitations set forth in this section and section 53 of this chapter. If such a modification is included in the resolution, for purposes of section 53 of this chapter, the term "base assessed value" with respect to the depreciable personal property of designated taxpayers means, **subject to section 53(j) of this chapter,** the net assessed value of the depreciable personal property as finally determined for the assessment date immediately preceding the adoption date of the modification as adjusted under section 53(h) of this chapter.

SECTION 131. IC 36-7-15.1-62, AS AMENDED BY P.L.184-2016, SECTION 35, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 62. (a) Notwithstanding section 26(a) of this chapter, with respect to the allocation and distribution of property taxes for the accomplishment of the purposes of an age-restricted housing program adopted under section 59 of this chapter, "base assessed value" means, **subject to section 26(j) of this chapter,** the net assessed value of all of the property, other than personal property, as finally determined for the assessment date immediately preceding the effective date of the allocation provision, as adjusted under section 26(h) of this chapter.

(b) The allocation fund established under section 26(b) of this chapter for the allocation area for an age-restricted housing program adopted under section 59 of this chapter may be used only for purposes related to the accomplishment of the purposes of the program, including, but not limited to, the following:

(1) The construction of any infrastructure (including streets, sidewalks, and sewers) or local public improvements in, serving, or benefiting the allocation area.

(2) The acquisition of real property and interests in real property within the allocation area.

(3) The preparation of real property in anticipation of

development of the real property within the allocation area.

(4) To do any of the following:

(A) Pay the principal of and interest on bonds or any other obligations payable from allocated tax proceeds in the allocation area that are incurred by the redevelopment district for the purpose of financing or refinancing the age-restricted housing program established under section 59 of this chapter for the allocation area.

(B) Establish, augment, or restore the debt service reserve for bonds payable solely or in part from allocated tax proceeds in the allocation area.

(C) Pay the principal of and interest on bonds payable from allocated tax proceeds in the allocation area and from the special tax levied under section 19 of this chapter.

(D) Pay the principal of and interest on bonds issued by the unit to pay for local public improvements that are physically located in or physically connected to the allocation area.

(E) Pay premiums on the redemption before maturity of bonds payable solely or in part from allocated tax proceeds in the allocation area.

(F) Make payments on leases payable from allocated tax proceeds in the allocation area under section 17.1 of this chapter.

(G) Reimburse the unit for expenditures made by the unit for local public improvements (which include buildings, parking facilities, and other items described in section 17(a) of this chapter) that are physically located in or physically connected to the allocation area.

(c) Notwithstanding section 26(b) of this chapter, the commission shall, relative to the allocation fund established under section 26(b) of this chapter for an allocation area for an age-restricted housing program adopted under section 59 of this chapter, do the following before June 15 of each year:

(1) Determine the amount, if any, by which the assessed value of the taxable property in the allocation area for the most recent assessment date minus the base assessed value, when multiplied by the estimated tax rate of the allocation area, will exceed the amount of assessed value needed to produce the property taxes necessary to:

(A) make the distribution required under section 26(b)(2) of this chapter;

(B) make, when due, principal and interest payments on bonds

described in section 26(b)(3) of this chapter;

(C) pay the amount necessary for other purposes described in section 26(b)(3) of this chapter; and

(D) reimburse the county or municipality for anticipated expenditures described in subsection (b)(2).

(2) Provide a written notice to the county auditor, the fiscal body of the county or municipality that established the department of redevelopment, the officers who are authorized to fix budgets, tax rates, and tax levies under IC 6-1.1-17-5 for each of the other taxing units that is wholly or partly located within the allocation area, and (in an electronic format) the department of local government finance. The notice must:

(A) state the amount, if any, of excess property taxes that the commission has determined may be paid to the respective taxing units in the manner prescribed in section 26(b)(1) of this chapter; or

(B) state that the commission has determined that there is no excess assessed value that may be allocated to the respective taxing units in the manner prescribed in subdivision (1).

The county auditor shall allocate to the respective taxing units the amount, if any, of excess assessed value determined by the commission.

SECTION 132. IC 36-7-15.6-21, AS ADDED BY P.L.61-2018, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 21. (a) Not later than April 15 of each year, a commission that administers a flood control improvement fund established under section 16 of this chapter shall file with the mayor and the fiscal body of the unit that established the commission a report setting out the commission's activities with regard to the flood control improvement fund during the preceding calendar year.

(b) The report required by subsection (a) must include the following:

(1) ~~The amount of revenue~~ **Revenues** received. ~~from the assessed value allocated and paid into the fund under section 16 of this chapter.~~

(2) ~~A detailed statement of payments made from the fund for purposes of providing flood control works within boundaries of the district for which the fund was established, including debt service on bonds or other obligations.~~ **Expenses paid.**

(3) ~~Any other expenses paid from the fund not included under subdivision (2).~~ **Fund balances.**

(4) The amount and maturity date of all ~~bonds or other obligations~~

~~outstanding and payable from the fund at the end of the calendar year.~~ **outstanding obligations.**

(5) The ~~fund balance at the end of the calendar year.~~ **amount paid on outstanding obligations.**

(6) A list of all the parcels included in the allocation area and the base assessed value and incremental assessed value for each parcel.

(c) The report filed under subsection (a) is a public record and must be made available for inspection to an owner of special flood hazard property that is located within the district for which the report is made.

(d) A copy of the report filed under subsection (a) must be submitted to the department of local government finance in an electronic format.

(e) The commission shall also provide a copy of the report filed under subsection (a) to the following:

(1) The board of public works that recommended the establishment of the district.

(2) A certified neighborhood association located within the boundaries of the district.

(f) The fiscal body of a unit, the department of local government finance, or the board of public works may post a copy of the commission's report on an Internet web site maintained by the fiscal body of the unit, the department of local government finance, or the board of public works.

SECTION 133. IC 36-7-30-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.42-2011, SECTION 79, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 4. (a) ~~Except as provided in subsection (c),~~ The five (5) members of a municipal military base reuse authority shall be appointed as follows:

(1) Three (3) members shall be appointed by the municipal executive.

(2) Two (2) members shall be appointed by the municipal legislative body.

(b) The five (5) members of a county military base reuse authority shall be appointed by the county executive.

~~(c) The five (5) members of a municipal military base reuse authority in an excluded city that is located in a county with a consolidated city shall be appointed as follows:~~

~~(1) One (1) member shall be appointed by the executive of the excluded city.~~

~~(2) One (1) member shall be appointed by the legislative body of the excluded city.~~

~~(3) One (1) member shall be appointed by the consolidated city executive.~~

~~(4) One (1) member shall be appointed by the consolidated city legislative body.~~

~~(5) One (1) member shall be appointed by the board of county commissioners.~~

~~However, at least three (3) of the members must be residents of the excluded city.~~

SECTION 134. IC 36-7-30-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 5. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), each member of a military base reuse authority shall serve the longer of three (3) years beginning with the first day of January after the member's appointment or until the member's successor has been appointed and qualified. If a vacancy occurs, a successor shall be appointed in the same manner as the original member, and the successor shall serve for the remainder of the vacated term.

(b) In the case of a municipal military base reuse authority in an excluded city located in a county with a consolidated city, the original members shall serve for the following terms:

(1) A member appointed by the executive of the excluded city or the consolidated city executive shall serve for the longer of three (3) years beginning with the first day of January after the member's appointment or until the member's successor is appointed and qualified.

(2) A member appointed by the legislative body of the excluded city or the consolidated city legislative body shall serve for the longer of one (1) year beginning with the first day of January after the member's appointment or until the member's successor is appointed and qualified.

(3) A member appointed by the board of county commissioners shall serve for the longer of two (2) years beginning with the first day of January after the member's appointment or until the member's successor is appointed and qualified.

(c) Each member of a reuse authority, before beginning the member's duties, shall take and subscribe an oath of office in the usual form, to be endorsed on the certificate of the member's appointment. The endorsed certificate must be promptly filed with the clerk for the unit that the member serves.

(d) Each member of a reuse authority, before beginning the member's duties, shall execute a bond payable to the state, with surety to be approved by the executive of the unit. The bond must be in the

penal sum of fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000) and must be conditioned on the faithful performance of the duties of the member's office and the accounting for all money and property that may come into the member's hands or under the member's control. The cost of the bond shall be paid by the special taxing district.

(e) A member of a reuse authority must be at least eighteen (18) years of age and ~~except as provided in section 4(c) of this chapter,~~ must be a resident of the unit responsible for the member's appointment.

(f) If a member ceases to be qualified under this section, the member forfeits the member's office.

(g) Members of a reuse authority are not entitled to salaries but are entitled to reimbursement for expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties.

SECTION 135. IC 36-7-30-12 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 12. (a) After receipt of all orders and approvals required under section 11 of this chapter, the reuse authority shall publish notice of the adoption and the substance of the resolution in accordance with IC 5-3-1. The notice must name a date when the reuse authority will receive and hear remonstrances and objections from persons interested in or affected by the proceedings concerning the proposed project and will determine the public utility and benefit of the proposed project. All persons affected in any manner by the hearing, including all taxpayers of the special taxing district, shall be considered notified of the pendency of the hearing and of subsequent acts, hearings, adjournments, and orders of the reuse authority by the notice given under this section.

(b) At the hearing, which may be adjourned from time to time, the reuse authority shall hear all persons interested in the proceedings and shall consider all written remonstrances and objections that have been filed. After considering the evidence presented, the reuse authority shall take final action determining the public utility and benefit of the proposed project, and confirming, modifying and confirming, or rescinding the resolution. The final action taken by the reuse authority is final and conclusive, except that an appeal may be taken in the manner prescribed by section 14 of this chapter.

(c) If the reuse authority confirms, or modifies and confirms, the resolution and the resolution includes a provision establishing or amending an allocation provision under section 25 of this chapter, the reuse authority shall file a copy of the resolution with both the auditor of the county in which the proposed project is located and the department of local government finance, together with any supporting documents that are relevant to the computation of

assessed values in the allocation area, within thirty (30) days after the date on which the reuse authority takes final action on the resolution.

SECTION 136. IC 36-7-30-13 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 13. (a) The reuse authority must conduct a public hearing before amending a resolution or plan for a military base reuse area. The reuse authority shall give notice of the hearing in accordance with IC 5-3-1. The notice must do the following:

(1) Set forth the substance of the proposed amendment.

(2) State the time and place where written remonstrances against the proposed amendment may be filed.

(3) Set forth the time and place of the hearing.

(4) State that the reuse authority will hear any person who has filed a written remonstrance during the filing period set forth in subdivision (2).

(b) For the purposes of this section, the consolidation of areas is not considered the enlargement of the boundaries of an area.

(c) If the reuse authority proposes to amend a resolution or plan, the military base reuse authority is not required to have evidence or make findings that were required for the establishment of the original military base reuse area. However, the reuse authority must make the following findings before approving the amendment:

(1) The amendment is reasonable and appropriate when considered in relation to the original resolution or plan and the purposes of this chapter.

(2) The resolution or plan, with the proposed amendment, conforms to the comprehensive plan for the unit.

(d) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (c), if the resolution or plan is proposed to be amended in a way that enlarges the original boundaries of the area by more than twenty percent (20%), the reuse authority must use the procedure provided for the original establishment of areas and must comply with sections 10 through 12 of this chapter.

(e) At the hearing on the amendments, the reuse authority shall consider written remonstrances that are filed. The action of the reuse authority on the amendment is final and conclusive, except that an appeal of the reuse authority's action may be taken under section 14 of this chapter.

(f) If the reuse authority confirms, or modifies and confirms, the resolution and the resolution includes a provision establishing or amending an allocation provision under section 25 of this chapter,

the reuse authority shall file a copy of the resolution with both the auditor of the county in which the proposed project is located and the department of local government finance, together with any supporting documents that are relevant to the computation of assessed values in the allocation area, within thirty (30) days after the date on which the reuse authority takes final action on the resolution.

SECTION 137. IC 36-7-30-25, AS AMENDED BY P.L.86-2018, SECTION 347, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 25. (a) The following definitions apply throughout this section:

(1) "Allocation area" means that part of a military base reuse area to which an allocation provision of a declaratory resolution adopted under section 10 of this chapter refers for purposes of distribution and allocation of property taxes.

(2) "Base assessed value" means, **subject to subsection (i):**

(A) the net assessed value of all the property as finally determined for the assessment date immediately preceding the adoption date of the allocation provision of the declaratory resolution, as adjusted under subsection (h); plus

(B) to the extent that it is not included in clause (A) or (C), the net assessed value of any and all parcels or classes of parcels identified as part of the base assessed value in the declaratory resolution or an amendment thereto, as finally determined for any subsequent assessment date; plus

(C) to the extent that it is not included in clause (A) or (B), the net assessed value of property that is assessed as residential property under the rules of the department of local government finance, **within the allocation area,** as finally determined for ~~any~~ **the current** assessment date. ~~after the effective date of the allocation provision.~~

Clause (C) applies only to allocation areas established in a military reuse area after June 30, 1997, and to the part of an allocation area that was established before June 30, 1997, and that is added to an existing allocation area after June 30, 1997.

(3) "Property taxes" means taxes imposed under IC 6-1.1 on real property.

(b) A declaratory resolution adopted under section 10 of this chapter before the date set forth in IC 36-7-14-39(b) pertaining to declaratory resolutions adopted under IC 36-7-14-15 may include a provision with respect to the allocation and distribution of property taxes for the purposes and in the manner provided in this section. A declaratory

resolution previously adopted may include an allocation provision by the amendment of that declaratory resolution in accordance with the procedures set forth in section 13 of this chapter. The allocation provision may apply to all or part of the military base reuse area. The allocation provision must require that any property taxes subsequently levied by or for the benefit of any public body entitled to a distribution of property taxes on taxable property in the allocation area be allocated and distributed as follows:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the proceeds of the taxes attributable to the lesser of:

(A) the assessed value of the property for the assessment date with respect to which the allocation and distribution is made; or

(B) the base assessed value;

shall be allocated to and, when collected, paid into the funds of the respective taxing units.

(2) The excess of the proceeds of the property taxes imposed for the assessment date with respect to which the allocation and distribution are made that are attributable to taxes imposed after being approved by the voters in a referendum or local public question conducted after April 30, 2010, not otherwise included in subdivision (1) shall be allocated to and, when collected, paid into the funds of the taxing unit for which the referendum or local public question was conducted.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this section, property tax proceeds in excess of those described in subdivisions (1) and (2) shall be allocated to the military base reuse district and, when collected, paid into an allocation fund for that allocation area that may be used by the military base reuse district and only to do one (1) or more of the following:

(A) Pay the principal of and interest and redemption premium on any obligations incurred by the military base reuse district or any other entity for the purpose of financing or refinancing military base reuse activities in or directly serving or benefiting that allocation area.

(B) Establish, augment, or restore the debt service reserve for bonds payable solely or in part from allocated tax proceeds in that allocation area or from other revenues of the reuse authority, including lease rental revenues.

(C) Make payments on leases payable solely or in part from allocated tax proceeds in that allocation area.

(D) Reimburse any other governmental body for expenditures

made for local public improvements (or structures) in or directly serving or benefiting that allocation area.

(E) Pay expenses incurred by the reuse authority, any other department of the unit, or a department of another governmental entity for local public improvements or structures that are in the allocation area or directly serving or benefiting the allocation area, including expenses for the operation and maintenance of these local public improvements or structures if the reuse authority determines those operation and maintenance expenses are necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

(F) Reimburse public and private entities for expenses incurred in training employees of industrial facilities that are located:

(i) in the allocation area; and

(ii) on a parcel of real property that has been classified as industrial property under the rules of the department of local government finance.

However, the total amount of money spent for this purpose in any year may not exceed the total amount of money in the allocation fund that is attributable to property taxes paid by the industrial facilities described in this clause. The reimbursements under this clause must be made not more than three (3) years after the date on which the investments that are the basis for the increment financing are made.

(G) Expend money and provide financial assistance as authorized in section 9(a)(25) of this chapter.

Except as provided in clause (E), the allocation fund may not be used for operating expenses of the reuse authority.

(4) Except as provided in subsection (g), before July 15 of each year the reuse authority shall do the following:

(A) Determine the amount, if any, by which property taxes payable to the allocation fund in the following year will exceed the amount of property taxes necessary to make, when due, principal and interest payments on bonds described in subdivision (3) plus the amount necessary for other purposes described in subdivision (3).

(B) Provide a written notice to the county auditor, the fiscal body of the unit that established the reuse authority, and the officers who are authorized to fix budgets, tax rates, and tax levies under IC 6-1.1-17-5 for each of the other taxing units that is wholly or partly located within the allocation area. The

notice must:

(i) state the amount, if any, of excess property taxes that the reuse authority has determined may be paid to the respective taxing units in the manner prescribed in subdivision (1); or

(ii) state that the reuse authority has determined that there are no excess property tax proceeds that may be allocated to the respective taxing units in the manner prescribed in subdivision (1).

The county auditor shall allocate to the respective taxing units the amount, if any, of excess property tax proceeds determined by the reuse authority. The reuse authority may not authorize a payment to the respective taxing units under this subdivision if to do so would endanger the interest of the holders of bonds described in subdivision (3) or lessors under section 19 of this chapter.

(c) For the purpose of allocating taxes levied by or for any taxing unit or units, the assessed value of taxable property in a territory in the allocation area that is annexed by a taxing unit after the effective date of the allocation provision of the declaratory resolution is the lesser of:

(1) the assessed value of the property for the assessment date with respect to which the allocation and distribution is made; or

(2) the base assessed value.

(d) Property tax proceeds allocable to the military base reuse district under subsection (b)(3) may, subject to subsection (b)(4), be irrevocably pledged by the military base reuse district for payment as set forth in subsection (b)(3).

(e) Notwithstanding any other law, each assessor shall, upon petition of the reuse authority, reassess the taxable property situated upon or in or added to the allocation area, effective on the next assessment date after the petition.

(f) Notwithstanding any other law, the assessed value of all taxable property in the allocation area, for purposes of tax limitation, property tax replacement, and the making of the budget, tax rate, and tax levy for each political subdivision in which the property is located is the lesser of:

(1) the assessed value of the property as valued without regard to this section; or

(2) the base assessed value.

(g) If any part of the allocation area is located in an enterprise zone created under IC 5-28-15, the unit that designated the allocation area shall create funds as specified in this subsection. A unit that has obligations, bonds, or leases payable from allocated tax proceeds under

subsection (b)(3) shall establish an allocation fund for the purposes specified in subsection (b)(3) and a special zone fund. Such a unit shall, until the end of the enterprise zone phase out period, deposit each year in the special zone fund any amount in the allocation fund derived from property tax proceeds in excess of those described in subsection (b)(1) and (b)(2) from property located in the enterprise zone that exceeds the amount sufficient for the purposes specified in subsection (b)(3) for the year. The amount sufficient for purposes specified in subsection (b)(3) for the year shall be determined based on the pro rata part of such current property tax proceeds from the part of the enterprise zone that is within the allocation area as compared to all such current property tax proceeds derived from the allocation area. A unit that does not have obligations, bonds, or leases payable from allocated tax proceeds under subsection (b)(3) shall establish a special zone fund and deposit all the property tax proceeds in excess of those described in subsection (b)(1) and (b)(2) that are derived from property in the enterprise zone in the fund. The unit that creates the special zone fund shall use the fund (based on the recommendations of the urban enterprise association) for programs in job training, job enrichment, and basic skill development that are designed to benefit residents and employers in the enterprise zone or other purposes specified in subsection (b)(3), except that where reference is made in subsection (b)(3) to allocation area it shall refer for purposes of payments from the special zone fund only to that part of the allocation area that is also located in the enterprise zone. The programs shall reserve at least one-half (1/2) of their enrollment in any session for residents of the enterprise zone.

(h) After each reassessment of real property in an area under the county's reassessment plan under IC 6-1.1-4-4.2, the department of local government finance shall adjust the base assessed value one (1) time to neutralize any effect of the reassessment of the real property in the area on the property tax proceeds allocated to the military base reuse district under this section. After each annual adjustment under IC 6-1.1-4-4.5, the department of local government finance shall adjust the base assessed value to neutralize any effect of the annual adjustment on the property tax proceeds allocated to the military base reuse district under this section. However, the adjustments under this subsection may not include the effect of property tax abatements under IC 6-1.1-12.1, and these adjustments may not produce less property tax proceeds allocable to the military base reuse district under subsection (b)(3) than would otherwise have been received if the reassessment under the county's reassessment plan or annual adjustment had not

occurred. The department of local government finance may prescribe procedures for county and township officials to follow to assist the department in making the adjustments.

(i) If the reuse authority adopts a declaratory resolution or an amendment to a declaratory resolution that contains an allocation provision and the reuse authority makes either of the filings required under section 12(c) or 13(f) of this chapter after the first anniversary of the effective date of the allocation provision, the auditor of the county in which the military base reuse district is located shall compute the base assessed value for the allocation area using the assessment date immediately preceding the later of:

(1) the date on which the documents are filed with the county auditor; or

(2) the date on which the documents are filed with the department of local government finance.

SECTION 138. IC 36-7-30-26 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 26. (a) As used in this section, "depreciable personal property" refers to:

(1) all or any part of the designated taxpayer's depreciable personal property that is located in the allocation area; and

(2) all or any part of the other depreciable property located and taxable on the designated taxpayer's site of operations within the allocation area;

and that is designated as depreciable personal property for purposes of this section by the reuse authority in a declaratory resolution adopted or amended under section 10 or 13 of this chapter.

(b) As used in this section, "designated taxpayer" means a taxpayer designated by the reuse authority in a declaratory resolution adopted or amended under section 10 or 13 of this chapter, and with respect to which the reuse authority finds that taxes to be derived from the depreciable personal property in the allocation area, in excess of the taxes attributable to the base assessed value of the personal property, are needed to pay debt service or provide security for bonds issued or to be issued under section 18 of this chapter or make payments or provide security on leases payable or to be payable under section 19 of this chapter in order to provide local public improvements or structures for a particular allocation area.

(c) The allocation provision of a declaratory resolution may modify the definition of "property taxes" under section 25(a) of this chapter to include taxes imposed under IC 6-1.1 on the depreciable personal property located and taxable on the site of operations of the designated taxpayers in accordance with the procedures and limitations set forth

in this section and section 25 of this chapter. If such a modification is included in the resolution, for purposes of section 25 of this chapter, the term "base assessed value" with respect to the depreciable personal property means, **subject to section 25(i) of this chapter,** the net assessed value of all the depreciable personal property as finally determined for the assessment date immediately preceding the adoption date of the modification, as adjusted under section 25(b) of this chapter.

SECTION 139. IC 36-7-30.5-17, AS ADDED BY P.L.203-2005, SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 17. (a) After adoption of a resolution under section 16 of this chapter, the development authority shall submit the resolution and supporting data to the plan commission of an affected unit or other body charged with the duty of developing a general plan for the unit, if there is such a body. The plan commission may determine whether the resolution and the development plan conform to the plan of development for the unit and approve or disapprove the resolution and plan proposed. The development authority may amend or modify the resolution and proposed plan to conform to the requirements of a plan commission. A plan commission shall issue a written order approving or disapproving the resolution and military base development plan, and may with the consent of the development authority rescind or modify the order.

(b) The determination that a geographic area is a military base development area must be approved by an affected unit's legislative body.

(c) After receipt of all orders and approvals required under subsections (a) and (b), the development authority shall publish notice of the adoption and the substance of the resolution in accordance with IC 5-3-1. The notice must name a date when the development authority will receive and hear remonstrances and objections from persons interested in or affected by the proceedings concerning the proposed project and will determine the public utility and benefit of the proposed project. All persons affected in any manner by the hearing shall be considered notified of the pendency of the hearing and of subsequent acts, hearings, adjournments, and orders of the development authority by the notice given under this section.

(d) At the hearing under subsection (c), which may be adjourned from time to time, the development authority shall:

(1) hear all persons interested in the proceedings; and

(2) consider all written remonstrances and objections that have been filed.

After considering the evidence presented, the development authority shall take final action determining the public utility and benefit of the proposed project, and confirming, modifying and confirming, or rescinding the resolution. The final action taken by the development authority is final and conclusive, except that an appeal may be taken in the manner prescribed by section 19 of this chapter.

(e) If the development authority confirms, or modifies and confirms, the resolution and the resolution includes a provision establishing or amending an allocation provision under section 30 of this chapter, the development authority shall file a copy of the resolution with both the auditor of the county in which the proposed project is located and the department of local government finance, together with any supporting documents that are relevant to the computation of assessed values in the allocation area, within thirty (30) days after the date on which the development authority takes final action on the resolution.

SECTION 140. IC 36-7-30.5-18, AS ADDED BY P.L.203-2005, SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 18. (a) The development authority must conduct a public hearing before amending a resolution or plan for a military base development area. The development authority shall give notice of the hearing in accordance with IC 5-3-1. The notice must do the following:

(1) Set forth the substance of the proposed amendment.

(2) State the time and place where written remonstrances against the proposed amendment may be filed.

(3) Set forth the date, time, and place of the hearing.

(4) State that the development authority will hear any person who has filed a written remonstrance during the filing period set forth in subdivision (2).

(b) For the purposes of this section, the consolidation of areas is not considered the enlargement of the boundaries of an area.

(c) If the development authority proposes to amend a resolution or plan, the development authority is not required to have evidence or make findings that were required for the establishment of the original military base development area. However, the development authority must make the following findings before approving the amendment:

(1) The amendment is reasonable and appropriate when considered in relation to the original resolution or plan and the purposes of this chapter.

(2) The resolution or plan, with the proposed amendment, conforms to the comprehensive plan for an affected unit.

(d) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (c), if the resolution or plan is proposed to be amended in a way that enlarges the original boundaries of the area by more than twenty percent (20%), the development authority must use the procedure provided for the original establishment of areas and must comply with sections 16 through 17 of this chapter.

(e) At the hearing on the amendments, the development authority shall consider written remonstrances that are filed. The action of the development authority on the amendment is final and conclusive, except that an appeal of the development authority's action may be taken under section 19 of this chapter.

(f) If the development authority confirms, or modifies and confirms, the resolution and the resolution includes a provision establishing or amending an allocation provision under section 30 of this chapter, the development authority shall file a copy of the resolution with both the auditor of the county in which the proposed project is located and the department of local government finance, together with any supporting documents that are relevant to the computation of assessed values in the allocation area, within thirty (30) days after the date on which the development authority takes final action on the resolution.

SECTION 141. IC 36-7-30.5-30, AS AMENDED BY P.L.86-2018, SECTION 348, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 30. (a) The following definitions apply throughout this section:

(1) "Allocation area" means that part of a military base development area to which an allocation provision of a declaratory resolution adopted under section 16 of this chapter refers for purposes of distribution and allocation of property taxes.

(2) "Base assessed value" means, **subject to subsection (i):**

(A) the net assessed value of all the property as finally determined for the assessment date immediately preceding the adoption date of the allocation provision of the declaratory resolution, as adjusted under subsection (h); plus

(B) to the extent that it is not included in clause (A) or (C), the net assessed value of any and all parcels or classes of parcels identified as part of the base assessed value in the declaratory resolution or an amendment to the declaratory resolution, as finally determined for any subsequent assessment date; plus

(C) to the extent that it is not included in clause (A) or (B), the net assessed value of property that is assessed as residential property under the rules of the department of local government

finance, **within the allocation area,** as finally determined for ~~any~~ **the current** assessment date. ~~after the effective date of the allocation provision.~~

(3) "Property taxes" means taxes imposed under IC 6-1.1 on real property.

(b) A declaratory resolution adopted under section 16 of this chapter before the date set forth in IC 36-7-14-39(b) pertaining to declaratory resolutions adopted under IC 36-7-14-15 may include a provision with respect to the allocation and distribution of property taxes for the purposes and in the manner provided in this section. A declaratory resolution previously adopted may include an allocation provision by the amendment of that declaratory resolution in accordance with the procedures set forth in section 18 of this chapter. The allocation provision may apply to all or part of the military base development area. The allocation provision must require that any property taxes subsequently levied by or for the benefit of any public body entitled to a distribution of property taxes on taxable property in the allocation area be allocated and distributed as follows:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the proceeds of the taxes attributable to the lesser of:

(A) the assessed value of the property for the assessment date with respect to which the allocation and distribution is made; or

(B) the base assessed value;

shall be allocated to and, when collected, paid into the funds of the respective taxing units.

(2) The excess of the proceeds of the property taxes imposed for the assessment date with respect to which the allocation and distribution is made that are attributable to taxes imposed after being approved by the voters in a referendum or local public question conducted after April 30, 2010, not otherwise included in subdivision (1) shall be allocated to and, when collected, paid into the funds of the taxing unit for which the referendum or local public question was conducted.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this section, property tax proceeds in excess of those described in subdivisions (1) and (2) shall be allocated to the development authority and, when collected, paid into an allocation fund for that allocation area that may be used by the development authority and only to do one (1) or more of the following:

(A) Pay the principal of and interest and redemption premium on any obligations incurred by the development authority or

any other entity for the purpose of financing or refinancing military base development or reuse activities in or directly serving or benefiting that allocation area.

(B) Establish, augment, or restore the debt service reserve for bonds payable solely or in part from allocated tax proceeds in that allocation area or from other revenues of the development authority, including lease rental revenues.

(C) Make payments on leases payable solely or in part from allocated tax proceeds in that allocation area.

(D) Reimburse any other governmental body for expenditures made for local public improvements (or structures) in or directly serving or benefiting that allocation area.

(E) For property taxes first due and payable before 2009, pay all or a part of a property tax replacement credit to taxpayers in an allocation area as determined by the development authority. This credit equals the amount determined under the following STEPS for each taxpayer in a taxing district (as defined in IC 6-1.1-1-20) that contains all or part of the allocation area:

STEP ONE: Determine that part of the sum of the amounts under IC 6-1.1-21-2(g)(1)(A), IC 6-1.1-21-2(g)(2), IC 6-1.1-21-2(g)(3), IC 6-1.1-21-2(g)(4), and IC 6-1.1-21-2(g)(5) (before their repeal) that is attributable to the taxing district.

STEP TWO: Divide:

(i) that part of each county's eligible property tax replacement amount (as defined in IC 6-1.1-21-2 (before its repeal)) for that year as determined under IC 6-1.1-21-4 (before its repeal) that is attributable to the taxing district; by

(ii) the STEP ONE sum.

STEP THREE: Multiply:

(i) the STEP TWO quotient; by

(ii) the total amount of the taxpayer's taxes (as defined in IC 6-1.1-21-2 (before its repeal)) levied in the taxing district that have been allocated during that year to an allocation fund under this section.

If not all the taxpayers in an allocation area receive the credit in full, each taxpayer in the allocation area is entitled to receive the same proportion of the credit. A taxpayer may not receive a credit under this section and a credit under section 32 of this chapter (before its repeal) in the same year.

(F) Pay expenses incurred by the development authority for local public improvements or structures that were in the allocation area or directly serving or benefiting the allocation area.

(G) Reimburse public and private entities for expenses incurred in training employees of industrial facilities that are located:

(i) in the allocation area; and

(ii) on a parcel of real property that has been classified as industrial property under the rules of the department of local government finance.

However, the total amount of money spent for this purpose in any year may not exceed the total amount of money in the allocation fund that is attributable to property taxes paid by the industrial facilities described in this clause. The reimbursements under this clause must be made not more than three (3) years after the date on which the investments that are the basis for the increment financing are made.

(H) Expend money and provide financial assistance as authorized in section 15(26) of this chapter.

The allocation fund may not be used for operating expenses of the development authority.

(4) Except as provided in subsection (g), before July 15 of each year the development authority shall do the following:

(A) Determine the amount, if any, by which property taxes payable to the allocation fund in the following year will exceed the amount of property taxes necessary to make, when due, principal and interest payments on bonds described in subdivision (3) plus the amount necessary for other purposes described in subdivisions (2) and (3).

(B) Provide a written notice to the appropriate county auditors and the fiscal bodies and other officers who are authorized to fix budgets, tax rates, and tax levies under IC 6-1.1-17-5 for each of the other taxing units that is wholly or partly located within the allocation area. The notice must:

(i) state the amount, if any, of the excess property taxes that the development authority has determined may be paid to the respective taxing units in the manner prescribed in subdivision (1); or

(ii) state that the development authority has determined that there is no excess assessed value that may be allocated to the respective taxing units in the manner prescribed in

subdivision (1).

The county auditors shall allocate to the respective taxing units the amount, if any, of excess assessed value determined by the development authority. The development authority may not authorize a payment to the respective taxing units under this subdivision if to do so would endanger the interest of the holders of bonds described in subdivision (3) or lessors under section 24 of this chapter. Property taxes received by a taxing unit under this subdivision before 2009 are eligible for the property tax replacement credit provided under IC 6-1.1-21 (before its repeal).

(c) For the purpose of allocating taxes levied by or for any taxing unit or units, the assessed value of taxable property in a territory in the allocation area that is annexed by a taxing unit after the effective date of the allocation provision of the declaratory resolution is the lesser of:

(1) the assessed value of the property for the assessment date with respect to which the allocation and distribution is made; or

(2) the base assessed value.

(d) Property tax proceeds allocable to the military base development district under subsection (b)(3) may, subject to subsection (b)(4), be irrevocably pledged by the military base development district for payment as set forth in subsection (b)(3).

(e) Notwithstanding any other law, each assessor shall, upon petition of the development authority, reassess the taxable property situated upon or in or added to the allocation area, effective on the next assessment date after the petition.

(f) Notwithstanding any other law, the assessed value of all taxable property in the allocation area, for purposes of tax limitation, property tax replacement, and the making of the budget, tax rate, and tax levy for each political subdivision in which the property is located is the lesser of:

(1) the assessed value of the property as valued without regard to this section; or

(2) the base assessed value.

(g) If any part of the allocation area is located in an enterprise zone created under IC 5-28-15, the development authority shall create funds as specified in this subsection. A development authority that has obligations, bonds, or leases payable from allocated tax proceeds under subsection (b)(3) shall establish an allocation fund for the purposes specified in subsection (b)(3) and a special zone fund. The development authority shall, until the end of the enterprise zone phase out period, deposit each year in the special zone fund any amount in the

allocation fund derived from property tax proceeds in excess of those described in subsection (b)(1) and (b)(2) from property located in the enterprise zone that exceeds the amount sufficient for the purposes specified in subsection (b)(3) for the year. The amount sufficient for purposes specified in subsection (b)(3) for the year shall be determined based on the pro rata part of such current property tax proceeds from the part of the enterprise zone that is within the allocation area as compared to all such current property tax proceeds derived from the allocation area. A development authority that does not have obligations, bonds, or leases payable from allocated tax proceeds under subsection (b)(3) shall establish a special zone fund and deposit all the property tax proceeds in excess of those described in subsection (b)(1) and (b)(2) that are derived from property in the enterprise zone in the fund. The development authority that creates the special zone fund shall use the fund (based on the recommendations of the urban enterprise association) for programs in job training, job enrichment, and basic skill development that are designed to benefit residents and employers in the enterprise zone or for other purposes specified in subsection (b)(3), except that where reference is made in subsection (b)(3) to an allocation area it shall refer for purposes of payments from the special zone fund only to that part of the allocation area that is also located in the enterprise zone. The programs shall reserve at least one-half (1/2) of their enrollment in any session for residents of the enterprise zone.

(h) After each reassessment of real property in an area under a reassessment plan prepared under IC 6-1.1-4-4.2, the department of local government finance shall adjust the base assessed value one (1) time to neutralize any effect of the reassessment of the real property in the area on the property tax proceeds allocated to the military base development district under this section. After each annual adjustment under IC 6-1.1-4-4.5, the department of local government finance shall adjust the base assessed value to neutralize any effect of the annual adjustment on the property tax proceeds allocated to the military base development district under this section. However, the adjustments under this subsection may not include the effect of property tax abatements under IC 6-1.1-12.1, and these adjustments may not produce less property tax proceeds allocable to the military base development district under subsection (b)(3) than would otherwise have been received if the reassessment under the county's reassessment plan or annual adjustment had not occurred. The department of local government finance may prescribe procedures for county and township officials to follow to assist the department in making the adjustments.

(i) If the development authority adopts a declaratory resolution or an amendment to a declaratory resolution that contains an allocation provision and the development authority makes either of the filings required under section 17(e) or 18(f) of this chapter after the first anniversary of the effective date of the allocation provision, the auditor of the county in which the military base development district is located shall compute the base assessed value for the allocation area using the assessment date immediately preceding the later of:

(1) the date on which the documents are filed with the county auditor; or

(2) the date on which the documents are filed with the department of local government finance.

SECTION 142. IC 36-7-30.5-31, AS ADDED BY P.L.203-2005, SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 31. (a) As used in this section, "depreciable personal property" refers to:

(1) all or any part of the designated taxpayer's depreciable personal property that is located in the allocation area; and

(2) all or any part of the other depreciable property located and taxable on the designated taxpayer's site of operations within the allocation area;

that is designated as depreciable personal property for purposes of this section by the development authority in a declaratory resolution adopted or amended under section 16 or 18 of this chapter.

(b) As used in this section, "designated taxpayer" means a taxpayer designated by the development authority in a declaratory resolution adopted or amended under section 16 or 18 of this chapter, and with respect to which the development authority finds that taxes to be derived from the depreciable personal property in the allocation area, in excess of the taxes attributable to the base assessed value of the personal property, are needed to pay debt service or provide security for bonds issued or to be issued under section 23 of this chapter or make payments or provide security on leases payable or to be payable under section 24 of this chapter in order to provide local public improvements or structures for a particular allocation area.

(c) The allocation provision of a declaratory resolution may modify the definition of "property taxes" under section 30(a) of this chapter to include taxes imposed under IC 6-1.1 on the depreciable personal property located and taxable on the site of operations of the designated taxpayers in accordance with the procedures and limitations set forth in this section and section 30 of this chapter. If a modification is

included in the resolution, for purposes of section 30 of this chapter, the term "base assessed value" with respect to the depreciable personal property means, **subject to section 30(i) of this chapter,** the net assessed value of all the depreciable personal property as finally determined for the assessment date immediately preceding the adoption date of the modification, as adjusted under section 30(b) of this chapter.

SECTION 143. IC 36-7-32-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 4. **(a)** As used in this chapter, "base assessed value" means, **subject to subsection (b):**

(1) the net assessed value of all the taxable property located in a certified technology park as finally determined for the assessment date immediately preceding the effective date of the allocation provision of a resolution adopted under section 15 of this chapter; plus

(2) to the extent it is not included in subdivision (1), the net assessed value of property that is assessed as residential property under the rules of the department of local government finance, **within the certified technology park,** as finally determined for ~~any~~ **the current** assessment date. ~~after the effective date of the allocation provision.~~

(b) If a redevelopment commission adopts a resolution designating a certified technology park as an allocation area and the redevelopment commission makes either of the filings required under section 15(d) of this chapter after the first anniversary of the effective date of the allocation provision, the auditor of the county in which the unit is located shall compute the base assessed value for the allocation area using the assessment date immediately preceding the later of:

(1) the date on which the documents are filed with the county auditor; or

(2) the date on which the documents are filed with the department of local government finance.

SECTION 144. IC 36-7-32-15 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 15. (a) Subject to the approval of the legislative body of the unit that established the redevelopment commission, the redevelopment commission may adopt a resolution designating a certified technology park as an allocation area for purposes of the allocation and distribution of property taxes.

(b) After adoption of the resolution under subsection (a), the redevelopment commission shall:

(1) publish notice of the adoption and substance of the resolution

in accordance with IC 5-3-1; and

(2) file the following information with each taxing unit that has authority to levy property taxes in the geographic area where the certified technology park is located:

(A) A copy of the notice required by subdivision (1).

(B) A statement disclosing the impact of the certified technology park, including the following:

(i) The estimated economic benefits and costs incurred by the certified technology park, as measured by increased employment and anticipated growth of real property assessed values.

(ii) The anticipated impact on tax revenues of each taxing unit.

The notice must state the general boundaries of the certified technology park and must state that written remonstrances may be filed with the redevelopment commission until the time designated for the hearing. The notice must also name the place, date, and time when the redevelopment commission will receive and hear remonstrances and objections from persons interested in or affected by the proceedings pertaining to the proposed allocation area and will determine the public utility and benefit of the proposed allocation area. The commission shall file the information required by subdivision (2) with the officers of the taxing unit who are authorized to fix budgets, tax rates, and tax levies under IC 6-1.1-17-5 at least ten (10) days before the date of the public hearing. All persons affected in any manner by the hearing, including all taxpayers within the taxing district of the redevelopment commission, shall be considered notified of the pendency of the hearing and of subsequent acts, hearings, adjournments, and orders of the redevelopment commission affecting the allocation area if the redevelopment commission gives the notice required by this section.

(c) At the hearing, which may be recessed and reconvened periodically, the redevelopment commission shall hear all persons interested in the proceedings and shall consider all written remonstrances and objections that have been filed. After considering the evidence presented, the redevelopment commission shall take final action determining the public utility and benefit of the proposed allocation area confirming, modifying and confirming, or rescinding the resolution. The final action taken by the redevelopment commission shall be recorded and is final and conclusive, except that an appeal may be taken in the manner prescribed by section 16 of this chapter.

(d) If the redevelopment commission confirms, or modifies and confirms, the resolution, the redevelopment commission shall file

a copy of the resolution with both the auditor of the county in which the certified technology park is located and the department of local government finance, together with any supporting documents that are relevant to the computation of assessed values in the allocation area, within thirty (30) days after the date on which the redevelopment commission takes final action on the resolution.

SECTION 145. IC 36-7.5-2-9, AS ADDED BY P.L.214-2005, SECTION 73, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 9. **(a)** The ~~office of management and budget~~ **state board of accounts** shall, **pursuant to IC 5-11-1-7 and IC 5-11-1-24, allow the development authority to** contract with a certified public accountant for an annual financial audit of the development authority. The certified public accountant may not have a significant financial interest ~~as determined by the office of management and budget,~~ in a project, facility, or service funded by or leased by or to the development authority. **The certified public accountant selected by the development authority must be approved by the state examiner and is subject to the direction of the state examiner while performing an annual financial audit under this article.**

(b) The certified public accountant shall present an audit report not later than four (4) months after the end of the development authority's fiscal year and shall make recommendations to improve the efficiency of development authority operations. The certified public accountant shall also perform a study and evaluation of internal accounting controls and shall express an opinion on the controls that were in effect during the audit period.

(c) The development authority shall pay the cost of the annual financial audit. In addition, the state board of accounts may at any time conduct an audit of any phase of the operations of the development authority. The development authority shall pay the cost of any audit by the state board of accounts.

SECTION 146. IC 36-7.6-2-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.237-2017, SECTION 47, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 14. (a) The ~~office of management and budget~~ **state board of accounts** shall, **pursuant to IC 5-11-1-7 and IC 5-11-1-24, allow each development authority to** contract with a certified public accountant for an annual financial audit of ~~each~~ **the** development authority. The certified public accountant may not have a significant financial interest ~~as determined by the office of management and budget,~~ in a project, facility, or service funded by or leased by or to any development authority. **The certified public**

accountant selected by a development authority must be approved by the state examiner and is subject to the direction of the state examiner while performing an annual financial audit under this article.

(b) The certified public accountant shall present an audit report not later than four (4) months after the end of each calendar year and shall make recommendations to improve the efficiency of development authority operations. The certified public accountant shall also perform a study and evaluation of internal accounting controls and shall express an opinion on the controls that were in effect during the audit period.

(c) A development authority shall pay the cost of the annual financial audit under subsection (a). In addition, the state board of accounts may at any time conduct an audit of any phase of the operations of a development authority. A development authority shall pay the cost of any audit by the state board of accounts.

(d) The ~~office of management and budget~~ **state board of accounts** may waive the requirement that a certified public accountant perform an annual financial audit of a development authority for a particular year if the development authority certifies to the ~~office of management and budget~~ **state board of accounts** that the development authority had no financial activity during that year.

SECTION 147. IC 36-8-3-3.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 3.6. (a) As used in this section, "provider" means:**

(1) a city, town, or township; or

(2) a volunteer fire department;

that provides fire protection services under an agreement described in subsection (b).

(b) A city or town may enter into an agreement with a provider to provide fire protection services to the city or town.

(c) If a city or town enters into an agreement under subsection (b), the agreement must be:

(1) in writing; and

(2) for a fixed term.

SECTION 148. IC 36-8-6-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.182-2009(ss), SECTION 427, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 5. (a) If the local board determines that the total amount of money available for a year will be insufficient to pay the benefits, pensions, and retirement allowances the local board is obligated to pay under this chapter, the local board shall, before the date on which the budget of the municipality is adopted, prepare an

itemized estimate in the form prescribed by the state board of accounts of the amount of money that will be receipted into and disbursed from the 1925 fund during the next fiscal year. The estimated receipts consist of the items enumerated in section 4(a) of this chapter. The estimated disbursements consist of an estimate of the amount of money that will be needed by the local board during the next fiscal year to defray the expenses and obligations incurred and that will be incurred by the local board in making the payments prescribed by this chapter to retired members, to members who are eligible to and expect to retire during the ensuing fiscal year, and to the dependents of deceased members.

(b) The local board may provide in its annual budget and pay all necessary expenses of operating the 1925 fund, including the payment of all costs of litigation and attorney fees arising in connection with the fund, as well as the payment of benefits and pensions, including the payments described in section 5.5 of this chapter. Notwithstanding any other law, neither the municipal legislative body ~~the county board of tax adjustment,~~ nor the department of local government finance may reduce an item of expenditure.

(c) At the time when the estimates are prepared and submitted, the local board shall also prepare and submit a certified statement showing:

(1) the name, age, and date of retirement of each retired member and the monthly and yearly amount of the payment to which the retired member is entitled;

(2) the name and age of each member who is eligible to and expects to retire during the next fiscal year, the date on which the member expects to retire, and the monthly and yearly amount of the payment that the member will be entitled to receive; and

(3) the name and age of each dependent, the date on which the dependent became a dependent, the date on which the dependent will cease to be a dependent by reason of attaining the age at which dependents cease to be dependents, and the monthly and yearly amount of the payment to which the dependent is entitled.

(d) The total receipts shall be deducted from the total expenditures stated in the itemized estimate and the amount of the excess of the estimated expenditures over the estimated receipts shall be paid by the municipality in the same manner as other expenses of the municipality are paid. A tax levy shall be made annually for this purpose, as provided in subsection (e). The estimates submitted shall be prepared and filed in the same manner and form and at the same time that estimates of other municipal offices and departments are prepared and filed.

(e) The municipal legislative body shall levy an annual tax in the amount and at the rate that are necessary to produce the revenue to pay that part of the police pensions that the municipality is obligated to pay. All money derived from the levy is for the exclusive use of the police pensions and benefits, including the payments described in section 5.5 of this chapter. The amounts in the estimated disbursements, if found to be correct and in conformity with the data submitted in the certified statement, are a binding obligation upon the municipality. The legislative body shall make a levy for them that will yield an amount equal to the estimated disbursements, less the amount of the estimated receipts. Notwithstanding any other law, ~~neither the county board of tax adjustment nor~~ the department of local government finance may **not** reduce the levy.

SECTION 149. IC 36-8-7-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.182-2009(ss), SECTION 431, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 14. (a) The local board shall meet annually and prepare an itemized estimate, in the form prescribed by the state board of accounts, of the amount of money that will be receipted into and disbursed from the 1937 fund during the next fiscal year. The estimated receipts consist of the items enumerated in section 8 of this chapter. The estimated disbursements must be divided into two (2) parts, designated as part 1 and part 2.

(b) Part 1 of the estimated disbursements consists of an estimate of the amount of money that will be needed by the local board during the next fiscal year to defray the expenses and obligations incurred and that will be incurred by the local board in making the payments prescribed by this chapter to retired members, to members who are eligible to and expect to retire during the next fiscal year, and to the dependents of deceased members. Part 2 of the estimated disbursements consists of an estimate of the amount of money that will be needed to pay death benefits and other expenditures that are authorized or required by this chapter.

(c) At the time when the estimates are prepared and submitted, the local board shall also prepare and submit a certified statement showing the following:

(1) The name, age, and date of retirement of each retired member and the monthly and yearly amount of the payment to which the retired member is entitled.

(2) The name and age of each member who is eligible to and expects to retire during the next fiscal year, the date on which the member expects to retire, and the monthly and yearly amount of the payment that the member will be entitled to receive.

(3) The name and the age of each dependent, the date on which the dependent became a dependent, the date on which the dependent will cease to be a dependent by reason of attaining the age at which dependents cease to be dependents, and the monthly and yearly amount of the payment to which the dependent is entitled.

(4) The amount that would be required for the next fiscal year to maintain level cost funding during the active fund members' employment on an actuarial basis.

(5) The amount that would be required for the next fiscal year to amortize accrued liability for active members, retired members, and dependents over a period determined by the local board, but not to exceed forty (40) years.

(d) The total receipts shall be deducted from the total expenditures as listed in the itemized estimate. The amount of the excess of the estimated expenditures over the estimated receipts shall be paid by the unit in the same manner as other expenses of the unit are paid, and an appropriation shall be made annually for that purpose. The estimates submitted shall be prepared and filed in the same manner and form and at the same time that estimates of other offices and departments of the unit are prepared and filed.

(e) The estimates shall be made a part of the annual budget of the unit. When revising the estimates, the executive, the fiscal officer, and other fiduciary officers may not reduce the items in part 1 of the estimated disbursements.

(f) The unit's fiscal body shall make the appropriations necessary to pay that proportion of the budget of the 1937 fund that the unit is obligated to pay under subsection (d). In addition, the fiscal body may make appropriations for purposes of subsection (c)(4), (c)(5), or both. All appropriations shall be made to the local board for the exclusive use of the 1937 fund, including the payments described in section 9.5 of this chapter. The amounts listed in part 1 of the estimated disbursements, if found to be correct and in conformity with the data submitted in the certified statement, are a binding obligation upon the unit. Notwithstanding any other law, ~~neither the county board of tax adjustment nor~~ the department of local government finance may **not** reduce the appropriations made to pay the amount equal to estimated disbursements minus estimated receipts.

SECTION 150. IC 36-8-7-22, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2008, SECTION 778, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 22. The 1937 fund may not be, either before or after an order for distribution to members of the fire

department or to the surviving spouses or guardians of a child or children of a deceased, disabled, or retired member, held, seized, taken, subjected to, detained, or levied on by virtue of an attachment, execution, judgment, writ, interlocutory or other order, decree, or process, or proceedings of any nature issued out of or by a court in any state for the payment or satisfaction, in whole or in part, of a debt, damages, demand, claim, judgment, fine, or amercement of the member or the member's surviving spouse or children. The 1937 fund shall be kept and distributed only for the purpose of pensioning the persons named in this chapter. The local board may, however, annually expend an amount from the 1937 fund that it considers proper for the necessary expenses connected with the fund. Notwithstanding any other law, neither the fiscal body ~~the county board of tax adjustment,~~ nor the department of local government finance may reduce these expenditures.

SECTION 151. IC 36-8-7.5-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.182-2009(ss), SECTION 433, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 10. (a) If the local board determines that the total amount of money available for a year will be insufficient to pay the benefits, pensions, and retirement allowances the local board is obligated to pay under this chapter, the local board shall, before the date on which the budget of the police special service district is adopted, prepare an itemized estimate in the form prescribed by the state board of accounts of the amount of money that will be receipted into and disbursed from the 1953 fund during the next fiscal year. The estimated receipts consist of the items enumerated in section 8 of this chapter. The estimated disbursements consist of an estimate of the amount of money that will be needed by the local board during the next fiscal year to defray the expenses and obligations incurred and that will be incurred by the local board in making the payments prescribed by this chapter to retired members, to members who are eligible and expect to retire during the ensuing fiscal year, and to the dependents of deceased members.

(b) At the time when the estimates are prepared and submitted, the local board shall also prepare and submit a certified statement showing:

(1) the estimated number of beneficiaries from the 1953 fund during the ensuing fiscal year in each of the various classifications of beneficiaries as prescribed in this chapter, and the names and amount of benefits being paid to those actively on the list of beneficiaries at that time;

(2) the name, age, and length of service of each member of the police department who is eligible to and expects to retire during

the ensuing fiscal year, and the monthly and yearly amounts of the payment that the member will be entitled to receive; and

(3) the name and age of each dependent of a member of the police department who is then receiving benefits, the date on which the dependent commenced drawing benefits, and the date on which the dependent will cease to be a dependent by reason of attaining the age limit prescribed by this chapter, and the monthly and yearly amounts of the payments to which each of the dependents is entitled.

(c) After the amounts of receipts and disbursements shown in the itemized estimate are fixed and approved by the executive, fiscal officer, legislative body and other bodies, as provided by law for other municipal funds, the total receipts shall be deducted from the total expenditures stated in the itemized estimate, and the amount of the excess shall be paid by the police special service district in the same manner as other expenses of the district are paid. The legislative body shall levy a tax and the money derived from the levy shall, when collected, be credited exclusively to the 1953 fund, including the payments described in section 10.5 of this chapter. The tax shall be levied in the amount and at the rate that is necessary to produce sufficient revenue to equal the deficit. Notwithstanding any other law, ~~neither the county board of tax adjustment nor~~ the department of local government finance may **not** reduce the tax levy.

SECTION 152. IC 36-8-11-18, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2008, SECTION 780, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 18. (a) The board shall annually budget the necessary money to meet the expenses of operation and maintenance of the district, including repairs, fees, salaries, depreciation on all depreciable assets, rents, supplies, contingencies, bond redemption, and all other expenses lawfully incurred by the district. After estimating expenses and receipts of money, the board shall establish the tax levy required to fund the estimated budget.

(b) The budget must be approved by the fiscal body of the county ~~the county board of tax adjustment,~~ and the department of local government finance.

(c) Upon approval by the department of local government finance, the board shall certify the approved tax levy to the auditor of the county having land within the district. The auditor shall have the levy entered on the county treasurer's tax records for collection. After collection of the taxes the auditor shall issue a warrant on the treasurer to transfer the revenues collected to the board, as provided by statute.

SECTION 153. IC 36-8-11-22.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2008,

SECTION 781, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 22.1. (a) This section applies to a district that consists of a municipality that is located in two (2) counties.

(b) This section does not apply to a merged district under section 23 of this chapter.

(c) Sections 6 and 7 of this chapter apply to the petition.

(d) The board of fire trustees for the district shall be appointed as prescribed by section 12 of this chapter. However, the legislative body of each county within which the district is located shall jointly appoint one (1) trustee from each township or part of a township contained in the district and one (1) trustee from the municipality contained in the district. The legislative body of each county shall jointly appoint a member to fill a vacancy.

(e) Sections 13, 14, and 15 of this chapter relating to the board of fire trustees apply to the board of the district. However, the county legislative bodies serving the district shall jointly decide where the board shall locate (or approve location of) its office.

(f) Sections 16, 17, 18, 19, and 21 of this chapter relating to the taxing district, bonds, annual budget, tax levies, and disbanding of fire departments apply to the district. However, the budget must be approved by the county fiscal body ~~and county board of tax adjustment~~ in each county in the district. In addition, the auditor of each county in the district shall perform the duties described in section 18(c) of this chapter.

SECTION 154. IC 36-8-11-23, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2008, SECTION 782, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 23. (a) Any fire protection district may merge with one (1) or more protection districts to form a single district if at least one-eighth (1/8) of the aggregate external boundaries of the districts coincide.

(b) The legislative body of the county where at least two (2) districts are located (or if the districts are located in more than one (1) county, the legislative body of each county) shall, if petitioned by freeholders in the two (2) districts, adopt an ordinance merging the districts into a single fire protection district.

(c) Freeholders who desire the merger of at least two (2) fire protection districts must initiate proceedings by filing a petition in the office of the county auditor of each county where a district is located. The petition must be signed:

(1) by at least twenty percent (20%), with a minimum of five hundred (500) from each district, of the freeholders owning land

within the district; or

(2) by a majority of the freeholders from the districts;

whichever is less.

(d) The petition described in subsection (c) must state the same items listed in section 7 of this chapter. Sections 6, 8, and 9 of this chapter apply to the petition and to the legislative body of each county in the proposed district.

(e) The board of fire trustees for each district shall form a single board, which shall continue to be appointed as prescribed by section 12 of this chapter. In addition, sections 13, 14, and 15 of this chapter relating to the board of fire trustees apply to the board of the merged district, except that if the merged district lies in more than one (1) county, the county legislative bodies serving the combined district shall jointly decide where the board shall locate (or approve relocation of) its office.

(f) Sections 16, 17, 18, 19, and 21 of this chapter relating to the taxing district, bonds, annual budget, tax levies, and disbanding of fire departments apply to a merged district. However, the budget must be approved by the county fiscal body ~~and county board of tax adjustment~~ in each county in the merged district. In addition, the auditor of each county in the district shall perform the duties described in section 18(c) of this chapter.

SECTION 155. IC 36-8-12-4.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 4.5. If a city, town, or township contracts with a volunteer fire department to provide services to the city, town, or township for a purpose authorized under this chapter, the contract must be:**

(1) in writing; and

(2) for a fixed term.

SECTION 156. IC 36-8-13-4.7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2008, SECTION 783, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 4.7. (a) For a township that elects to have the township provide fire protection and emergency services under section 3(c) of this chapter, the department of local government finance shall adjust the township's maximum permissible levy in the year following the year in which the change is elected, as determined under IC 6-1.1-18.5-3, to reflect the change from providing fire protection or emergency services under a contract between the municipality and the township to allowing the township to impose a property tax levy on the taxable property located within the corporate boundaries of each municipality. For the ensuing calendar year, the

township's maximum permissible property tax levy shall be increased by the product of:

(1) one and five-hundredths (1.05); multiplied by

(2) the amount the township contracted or billed to receive, regardless of whether the amount was collected:

(A) in the year in which the change is elected; and

(B) as fire protection or emergency service payments from the municipalities or residents of the municipalities covered by the election under section 3(c) of this chapter.

The maximum permissible levy for a general fund or other fund of a municipality covered by the election under section 3(c) of this chapter shall be reduced for the ensuing calendar year to reflect the change to allowing the township to impose a property tax levy on the taxable property located within the corporate boundaries of the municipality. The total reduction in the maximum permissible levies for all electing municipalities must equal the amount that the maximum permissible levy for the township is increased under this subsection for contracts or billings, regardless of whether the amount was collected, less the amount actually paid from sources other than property tax revenue.

(b) For purposes of determining a township's and each municipality's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy under IC 6-1.1-18.5-3 for years following the first year after the year in which the change is elected, a township's and each municipality's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy is the levy after the adjustment made under subsection (a).

(c) The township may use the amount of a maximum permissible property tax levy computed under this section in setting budgets and property tax levies for any year in which the election in section 3(c) of this chapter is in effect. ~~A county board of tax adjustment may not reduce a budget or tax levy solely because the budget or levy is based on the maximum permissible property tax levy computed under this section.~~

(d) Section 4.6 of this chapter does not apply to a property tax levy or a maximum property tax levy subject to this section.

SECTION 157. IC 36-9-3-29, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2008, SECTION 785, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 29. The board shall prepare an annual budget for the authority's operating and maintenance expenditures and necessary capital expenditures. Each annual budget is subject to review and modification by the:

(1) fiscal body of the county or municipality that establishes the authority; and

(2) ~~county board of tax adjustment and the~~ department of local government finance under IC 6-1.1-17.

SECTION 158. IC 36-9-4-47, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2008, SECTION 788, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 47. (a) The board of directors of a public transportation corporation may:

(1) borrow money in anticipation of receipt of the proceeds of taxes that have been levied by the board and have not yet been collected; and

(2) evidence this borrowing by issuing warrants of the corporation.

The money that is borrowed may be used by the corporation for payment of principal and interest on its bonds or for payment of current operating expenses.

(b) The warrants:

(1) bear the date or dates;

(2) mature at the time or times on or before December 31 following the year in which the taxes in anticipation of which the warrants are issued are due and payable;

(3) bear interest at the rate or rates and are payable at the time or times;

(4) may be in the denominations;

(5) may be in the forms, either registered or payable to bearer;

(6) are payable at the place or places, either inside or outside Indiana;

(7) are payable in the medium of payment;

(8) are subject to redemption upon the terms, including a price not exceeding par and accrued interest; and

(9) may be executed by the officers of the corporation in the manner;

provided by resolution of the board of directors. The resolution may also authorize the board to pay from the proceeds of the warrants all costs incurred in connection with the issuance of the warrants.

(c) The warrants may be authorized and issued at any time after the board of directors levies the tax or taxes in anticipation of which the warrants are issued.

(d) The warrants may be sold for not less than par value after notice inviting bids has been published in accordance with IC 5-3-1. The board of directors may also publish the notice inviting bids in other newspapers or financial journals.

(e) After the warrants are sold, they may be delivered and paid for at one (1) time or in installments.

(f) The aggregate principal amount of warrants issued in anticipation of and payable from the same tax levy or levies may not exceed eighty percent (80%) of the levy or levies, as the amount of the levy or levies is certified by the department of local government finance, or as is determined by multiplying the rate of tax as finally approved by the total assessed valuation of taxable property within the taxing district of the public transportation corporation as most recently certified by the county auditor.

(g) For purposes of this section, taxes for any year are considered to be levied when the board of directors adopts the ordinance prescribing the tax levies for the year. However, warrants may not be delivered and paid for before final approval of a tax levy or levies ~~by the county board of tax adjustment (or, if appealed,~~ by the department of local government finance unless the issuance of the warrants has been approved by the department of local government finance.

(h) The warrants and the interest on them are not subject to sections 43 and 44 of this chapter and are payable solely from the proceeds of the tax levy or levies in anticipation of which the warrants were issued. The authorizing resolution must pledge a sufficient amount of the proceeds of the tax levy or levies to the payment of the warrants and the interest.

(i) All actions of the board of directors under this section may be taken by resolution, which need not be published or posted. The resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption by a majority of the members of the board of directors.

(j) An action to contest the validity of any tax anticipation warrants may not be brought later than ten (10) days after the sale date.

SECTION 159. IC 36-9-4-51 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 51. (a) The board of directors of a public transportation corporation shall prepare an annual budget for the expenditures of the corporation.

(b) This subsection applies only when a municipality, having operated an urban mass transportation system under a department of municipal government, establishes a public transportation corporation under section 10 of this chapter to maintain that system. The annual operating and maintenance budget for the corporation shall be subject to review and modification by the legislative body of the municipality.

(c) A public transportation corporation may not impose a property tax levy on property that it has not taxed before January 1, 1982, and that lies outside the corporate boundaries of the municipality without the approval of the fiscal body or county council of the county in which the municipality is located.

(d) The budget and any tax levies prepared by the board shall be prepared and submitted at the same time, in the same manner, and with the same notice as is prescribed by IC 6-1.1-17 for the annual budget of the municipality. The ~~county tax adjustment board and the~~ department of local government finance may review the budget and tax levies in the same manner by which ~~they review~~ **the department reviews** budgets and tax levies of the municipality.

SECTION 160. IC 36-9-12-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 5. (a) Money deposited in the special fund under section 4 of this chapter may be expended only upon a specific appropriation made for that purpose by the municipal legislative body in the same manner that it appropriates other public money.

(b) The municipal works board or board of transportation shall prepare an itemized estimate of the money necessary for the operation of parking meters for the ensuing year at the regular time of making and filing budget estimates for other departments of the municipality. These estimates shall be made and presented to the municipal legislative body in the same manner as other department estimates.

(c) An appropriation under this section is not subject to review by ~~the county tax adjustment board or~~ the department of local government finance, and the general statutes regarding appropriation of funds do not affect this chapter.

SECTION 161. IC 36-9-13-35, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2008, SECTION 790, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 35. The annual operating budget of a building authority is subject to review ~~by the county board of tax adjustment and then~~ by the department of local government finance as in the case of other political subdivisions.

SECTION 162. IC 36-9-22-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.18-2018, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 2. (a) The power of the municipal works board to fix the terms of a contract under this section applies to contracts for the installation of sewage works that have not been finally approved or accepted for full maintenance and operation by the municipality on July 1, 1979.

(b) The works board of a municipality may contract with owners of real property for the construction of sewage works within the municipality or within four (4) miles outside its corporate boundaries in order to provide service for the area in which the real property of the owners is located. The contract must provide, for a period of not to exceed fifteen (15) years, for the payment to the owners and their

assigns by any owner of real property who:

(1) did not contribute to the original cost of the sewage works; and

(2) subsequently taps into, uses, or deposits sewage or storm waters in the sewage works or any lateral sewers connected to them;

of a fair pro rata share of the cost of the construction of the sewage works, subject to the rules of the board and notwithstanding any other law relating to the functions of local governmental entities. However, the contract does not apply to any owner of real property who is not a party to the contract unless the contract or (after June 30, 2013) a signed memorandum of the contract has been recorded in the office of the recorder of the county in which the real property of the owner is located before the owner taps into or connects to the sewers and facilities. The board may provide that the fair pro rata share of the cost of construction includes interest at a rate not exceeding the amount of interest allowed on judgments, and the interest shall be computed from the date the sewage works are approved until the date payment is made to the municipality.

(c) The contract must include, as part of the consideration running to the municipality, the release of the right of:

(1) the parties to the contract; and

(2) the successors in title of the parties to the contract;

to remonstrate against pending or future annexations by the municipality of the area served by the sewage works. Any person tapping into or connecting to the sewage works contracted for is considered to waive the person's rights to remonstrate against the annexation of the area served by the sewage works.

(d) Notwithstanding subsection (c), the works board of a municipality may waive the provisions of subsection (c) in the contract if the works board considers a waiver of subsection (c) to be in the best interests of the municipality.

(e) This subsection does not affect any rights or liabilities accrued, or proceedings begun before July 1, 2013. Those rights, liabilities, and proceedings continue and shall be imposed and enforced under prior law as if this subsection had not been enacted. For contracts executed after June 30, 2013, **if** the release of the right to remonstrate **is not void under subsection (i), (j), or (k), the release** is binding on a successor in title to a party to the contract only if the successor in title:

(1) has actual notice of the release; or

(2) has constructive notice of the release because the contract, or a signed memorandum of the contract stating the release, has been

recorded in the chain of title of the property.

(f) Subsection (c) does not apply to a landowner if all of the following conditions apply:

(1) The landowner is required to connect to the sewage works because a person other than the landowner has polluted or contaminated the area.

(2) The costs of extension of or connection to the sewage works are paid by a person other than the landowner or the municipality.

(g) Subsection (c) does not apply to a landowner who taps into, connects to, or is required to tap into or connect to the sewage works of a municipality only because the municipality provides wholesale sewage service (as defined in IC 8-1-2-61.7) to another municipality that provides sewage service to the landowner.

~~(h) Notwithstanding any other law, a waiver of the right of remonstrance executed after June 30, 2015, expires not later than fifteen (15) years after the date the waiver was executed.~~

~~(i)~~ **(h)** This subsection applies to any deed recorded after June 30, 2015. This subsection applies only to property that is subject to a remonstrance waiver. A municipality shall provide written notice to any successor in title to property within a reasonable time after the deed is recorded, that a waiver of the right of remonstrance exists with respect to the property.

(i) A remonstrance waiver executed on or before July 1, 2003, is void. This subsection does not invalidate an annexation that was effective on or before July 1, 2019.

(j) A remonstrance waiver executed after June 30, 2003, and not later than June 30, 2019, is subject to the following:

(1) The waiver is void unless the waiver was recorded:

(A) before January 1, 2020; and

(B) with the county recorder of the county where the property subject to the waiver is located.

(2) A waiver that is not void under subdivision (1) expires not later than fifteen (15) years after the date the waiver is executed.

This subsection does not invalidate an annexation that was effective on or before July 1, 2019.

(k) A remonstrance waiver executed after June 30, 2019, is subject to the following:

(1) The waiver is void unless the waiver is recorded:

(A) not later than thirty (30) business days after the date the waiver was executed; and

(B) with the county recorder of the county where the

property subject to the waiver is located.

(2) A waiver that is not void under subdivision (1) expires not later than fifteen (15) years after the date the waiver is executed.

This subsection does not invalidate an annexation that was effective on or before July 1, 2019.

SECTION 163. IC 36-9-25-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.196-2014, SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 11. (a) In connection with its duties, the board may fix fees for the treatment and disposal of sewage and other waste discharged into the sewerage system, collect the fees, and establish and enforce rules governing the furnishing of and payment for sewage treatment and disposal service. The fees must be just and equitable and shall be paid by any user of the sewage works and, except as otherwise provided in an ordinance provision described in subsection (l), the owner of every lot, parcel of real property, or building that is connected with and uses the sewage works of the district by or through any part of the sewerage system. This section applies to owners of property that is partially or wholly exempt from taxation, as well as owners of property subject to full taxation.

(b) The board may change fees from time to time. The fees, together with the taxes levied under this chapter, must at all times be sufficient to produce revenues sufficient to pay operation, maintenance, and administrative expenses, to pay the principal and interest on bonds as they become due and payable, and to provide money for the revolving fund authorized by this chapter.

(c) Fees may not be established until a public hearing has been held at which all the users of the sewage works and owners of property served or to be served by the works, including interested parties, have had an opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed fees. After introduction of the resolution fixing fees, and before they are finally adopted, notice of the hearing setting forth the proposed schedule of fees shall be given by publication in accordance with IC 5-3-1. After the hearing the resolution establishing fees, either as originally introduced or as amended, shall be passed and put into effect. However, fees related to property that is subject to full taxation do not take effect until they have been approved by ordinance of the municipal legislative body or, in the case of a district described in section 3(b)(2) of this chapter, under section 11.3 of this chapter.

(d) A copy of the schedule of the fees shall be kept on file in the office of the board and must be open to inspection by all interested parties. The fees established for any class of users or property served

shall be extended to cover any additional premises thereafter served that fall within the same class, without the necessity of hearing or notice.

(e) A change of fees may be made in the same manner as fees were originally established. However, if a change is made substantially pro rata for all classes of service, hearing or notice is not required, but approval of the change by ordinance of the municipal legislative body is required, and, in the case of a district described in section 3(b)(2) of this chapter, approval under section 11.3 of this chapter is required.

(f) If a fee established is not paid within ~~thirty (30) days after it is due,~~ **the time fixed by the board,** the board may recover, in a civil action in the name of the municipality, the amount, together with a penalty of ten percent (10%) and a reasonable attorney's fee from:

(1) the delinquent user; or

(2) the owner of the property;

subject to any ordinance described in subsection (l).

(g) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (h) or in an ordinance provision described in subsection (l), fees assessed against real property under this section also constitute a lien against the property assessed. The lien attaches at the time of the filing of the notice of lien in the county recorder's office. The lien is superior to all other liens except tax liens, and shall be enforced and foreclosed in the same manner as is provided for liens under IC 36-9-23-33 and IC 36-9-23-34.

(h) A fee assessed against real property under this section constitutes a lien against the property assessed only when the fee is delinquent for no more than three (3) years from the day after the fee is due.

(i) In addition to the:

(1) penalties under subsections (f) and (g); or

(2) alternative penalty available under section 11.5 of this chapter;

a delinquent user may not discharge water into the public sewers and may have the property disconnected from the public sewers.

(j) The authority to establish a user fee under this section includes fees to recover the cost of construction of sewage works from industrial users as defined and required under federal statute or rule. Any industrial users' cost recovery fees may become a lien upon the real property and shall be collected in the manner provided by law. In addition, the imposition of the fees, the use of the amounts collected, and the criteria for the fees must be consistent with the regulations of the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

(k) The authority to establish a user fee under this section includes fees to recover the costs associated with providing financial assistance under section 42 of this chapter. A fee that is:

(1) established under this subsection or any other law; and

(2) used to provide financial assistance under section 42 of this chapter;

is considered just and equitable if the project for which the financial assistance is provided otherwise complies with the requirements of this chapter.

(l) For purposes of this subsection, "municipal legislative body" refers to the legislative body of each municipality in the district, in the case of a district described in section 3(b)(2) of this chapter. This subsection does not apply to a conservancy district established under IC 14-33 for the collection, treatment, and disposal of sewage and other liquid wastes. In an ordinance adopted under this chapter, the municipal legislative body may include one (1) or more of the following provisions with respect to property occupied by someone other than the owner of the property:

(1) That fees for the services rendered by the sewerage system to the property are payable by the person occupying the property. At the option of the municipal legislative body, the ordinance may include any:

(A) requirement for a deposit to ensure payment of the fees by the person occupying the property; or

(B) other requirement to ensure the creditworthiness of the person occupying the property as the account holder or customer with respect to the property;

that the municipal legislative body may lawfully impose.

(2) That the fees for the services rendered by the sewerage system to the property are payable by the person occupying the property if one (1) of the following conditions is satisfied:

(A) Either the property owner or the person occupying the property gives to the board written notice that indicates that the person occupying the property is responsible for paying the fees with respect to the property and requests that the account or other customer or billing records maintained for the property be in the name of the person occupying the property. At the option of the municipal legislative body, the ordinance may provide that a document that:

(i) is executed by the property owner and the person occupying the property;

(ii) identifies the person occupying the property by name;

and

(iii) indicates that the person occupying the property is responsible for paying the fees assessed by the board with respect to the property;

serves as written notice for purposes of this clause.

(B) The account or other customer or billing records maintained by the board for the property otherwise indicate that:

(i) the property is occupied by someone other than the owner; and

(ii) the person occupying the property is responsible for paying the fees.

(C) The property owner or the person occupying the property satisfies any other requirements or conditions that the municipal legislative body includes in the ordinance.

(3) That fees assessed against the property for the services rendered by the sewerage system to the property do not constitute a lien against the property, notwithstanding subsection (g), and subject to any requirements or conditions set forth in the ordinance.

This subsection may not be construed to prohibit a municipal legislative body from including in an ordinance adopted under this chapter any other provision that the municipal legislative body considers appropriate.

SECTION 164. IC 36-9-25-11.2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 11.2. If a fee established under section 11 of this chapter is not paid within ~~thirty (30) days after it is due,~~ **the time fixed by the board,** a copy of any notice of delinquency sent to a delinquent user who is a tenant must be sent to the owner of the property occupied by the tenant at the latest address of the owner as shown on the property tax records of the county in which the property is located.

SECTION 165. IC 36-9-25-11.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 11.5. (a) As an alternative to the penalties provided in section 11 of this chapter, the board may require that the water utility providing water service to a delinquent user discontinue service until payment of all overdue user fees, together with any penalties provided in this section, are received by the municipality.

(b) If a fee established is not paid within ~~one (1) monthly billing cycle after it is due,~~ **the time fixed by the board,** the board or its designee shall send notice to the delinquent user stating:

(1) the delinquent amount due, together with any penalty;

(2) that water service may be disconnected if the user continues not to pay the delinquency and any penalty; and

(3) the procedure for resolving disputed bills.

The municipality shall provide by ordinance a procedure for resolving disputed bills that includes an opportunity for a delinquent user to meet informally with designated personnel empowered to correct incorrect charges. Payment of a disputed bill and penalties by a user does not constitute a waiver of rights to subsequently claim and recover from the municipality sums improperly charged to the user.

(c) If the user fails to pay the delinquent amount or otherwise resolve the charges as specified in subsection (a), the board or its designee shall give written notice to the water utility serving the user to discontinue water service to the premises designated in the notice until notified otherwise. The notice must identify the delinquent sewer user in enough detail to enable the water utility to identify the water service connection that is to be terminated. Upon receipt of the notice, the water utility shall disconnect water service to the user.

(d) Water service may not be shut off under this section if a local board of health has found and certified to the municipality that the termination of water service will endanger the health of the user and others in the municipality.

(e) The water utility that discontinues water service in accordance with an order from the board or its designee does not incur any liability except to the extent of its own negligence or improper conduct.

(f) If the water utility does not discontinue service within ~~thirty (30) days~~ **the time fixed by the board** after receiving notice from the municipality, the utility is liable for any user fees incurred ~~thirty (30) days~~ after receipt of notice to discontinue water service and that are not collected from the user.

SECTION 166. IC 36-9-25-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.228-2015, SECTION 24, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 14. (a) As to each municipality to which this chapter applies:

(1) all the territory included within the corporate boundaries of the municipality; and

(2) any territory, town, addition, platted subdivision, or unplatted land lying outside the corporate boundaries of the municipality that has been taken into the district in accordance with a prior statute, the sewage or drainage of which discharges into or through the sewage system of the municipality;

constitutes a special taxing district for the purpose of providing for the

sanitary disposal of the sewage of the district in a manner that protects the public health and prevents the undue pollution of watercourses of the district.

(b) Upon request by:

(1) a resolution adopted by the legislative body of another municipality in the same county; or

(2) a petition of the majority of the resident freeholders in a platted subdivision or of the owners of unplatted land outside the boundaries of a municipality, if the platted subdivision or unplatted land is in the same county;

the board may adopt a resolution incorporating all or any part of the area of the municipality, platted subdivision, or unplatted land into the district.

(c) A request under subsection (b) must be signed and certified as correct by the secretary of the legislative body, resident freeholders, or landowners. The original shall be preserved in the records of the board. The resolution of the board incorporating an area in the district must be in writing and must contain an accurate description of the area incorporated into the district. A certified copy of the resolution, signed by the president and secretary of the board, together with a map showing the boundaries of the district and the location of additional areas, shall be delivered to the auditor of the county within which the district is located. It shall be properly indexed and kept in the permanent records of the offices of the auditor.

(d) In addition, upon request by ten (10) or more interested resident freeholders in a platted or unplatted territory, the board may define the limits of an area within the county and including the property of the freeholders that is to be considered for inclusion into the district. Notice of the defining of the area by the board, and notice of the location and limits of the area, shall be given by publication in accordance with IC 5-3-1. Upon request by a majority of the resident freeholders of the area, the area may be incorporated into the district in the manner provided in this section. The resolution of the board incorporating the area into the district and a map of the area shall be made and filed in the same manner.

(e) In addition, a person owning or occupying real property outside the district may enter into a sewer service agreement with the board for connection to the sewage works of the district. If the agreement provides for connection at a later time, the date or the event upon which the service commences shall be stated in the agreement. The agreement may impose any conditions for connection that the board determines. The agreement must also provide the amount of service

charge to be charged for connection if the persons are not covered under section 11 of this chapter, with the amount to be fixed by the board in its discretion and without a hearing.

(f) All sewer service agreements made under subsection (e) or (after June 30, 2013) a signed memorandum of the sewer service agreement shall be recorded in the office of the recorder of the county where the property is located. The agreements run with the property described and are binding upon the persons owning or occupying the property, their personal representatives, heirs, devisees, grantees, successors, and assigns. Each agreement that is recorded, or each agreement of which a signed memorandum is recorded, and that provides for the property being served to be placed on the tax rolls shall be certified by the board to the auditor of the county where the property is located. The certification must state the date the property is to be placed on the tax rolls, and upon receipt of the certification together with a copy of the agreement, the auditor shall immediately place the property certified upon the rolls of property subject to the levy and collection of taxes for the district. An agreement may provide for the collection of a service charge for the period services are rendered before the levy and collection of the tax.

(g) Except as provided in subsection (j), sewer service agreements made under subsection (e) must contain a waiver provision that persons (other than municipalities) who own or occupy property agree for themselves, their executors, administrators, heirs, devisees, grantees, successors, and assigns that they will:

(1) neither object to nor file a remonstrance against the proposed annexation of the property by a municipality within the boundaries of the district;

(2) not appeal from an order or a judgment annexing the property to a municipality; and

(3) not file a complaint or an action against annexation proceedings.

(h) This subsection does not affect any rights or liabilities accrued or proceedings begun before July 1, 2013. Those rights, liabilities, and proceedings continue and shall be imposed and enforced under prior law as if this subsection had not been enacted. For contracts executed after June 30, 2013, a waiver of the right to remonstrate under subsection (g) **that is not void under subsection (l), (m), or (n)** is binding as to an executor, administrator, heir, devisee, grantee, successor, or assign of a party to a sewer service agreement under subsection (g) only if the executor, administrator, heir, devisee, grantee, successor, or assign:

(1) has actual notice of the waiver; or

(2) has constructive notice of the waiver because the sewer service agreement or a signed memorandum of the sewer service agreement stating the waiver has been recorded in the chain of title of the property.

(i) This section does not affect any sewer service agreements entered into before March 13, 1953. **However, this section applies to a remonstrance waiver regardless of when the waiver was executed.**

(j) Subsection (g) does not apply to a landowner if all of the following conditions apply:

(1) The landowner is required to connect to a sewer service because a person other than the landowner has polluted or contaminated the area.

(2) The costs of extension of service or connection to the sewer service are paid by a person other than the landowner or the municipality.

~~(k) Notwithstanding any other law, a waiver of the right of remonstrance executed after June 30, 2015, expires not later than fifteen (15) years after the date the waiver was executed.~~

~~(l)~~ **(k)** This subsection applies to any deed recorded after June 30, 2015. This subsection applies only to property that is subject to a remonstrance waiver. A municipality shall provide written notice to any successor in title to property within a reasonable time after the deed is recorded, that a waiver of the right of remonstrance has been granted with respect to the property.

(l) A remonstrance waiver executed before July 1, 2003, is void. This subsection does not invalidate an annexation that was effective on or before July 1, 2019.

(m) A remonstrance waiver executed after June 30, 2003, and before July 1, 2019, is subject to the following:

(1) The waiver is void unless the waiver was recorded:

(A) before January 1, 2020; and

(B) with the county recorder of the county where the property subject to the waiver is located.

(2) A waiver that is not void under subdivision (1) expires not later than fifteen (15) years after the date the waiver is executed.

This subsection does not invalidate an annexation that was effective on or before July 1, 2019.

(n) A remonstrance waiver executed after June 30, 2019, is subject to the following:

(1) The waiver is void unless the waiver is recorded:

(A) not later than thirty (30) business days after the date the waiver was executed; and

(B) with the county recorder of the county where the property subject to the waiver is located.

(2) A waiver that is not void under subdivision (1) expires not later than fifteen (15) years after the date the waiver is executed.

This subsection does not invalidate an annexation that was effective on or before July 1, 2019.

SECTION 167. IC 36-12-3-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.219-2007, SECTION 148, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 12. (a) The library board shall determine the rate of taxation for the library district that is necessary for the proper operation of the library. The library board shall certify the rate to the county auditor. ~~The county auditor shall certify the tax rate to the county tax adjustment board in the manner provided in IC 6-1.1.~~ An additional rate may be levied under section 10(4) of this chapter.

(b) If the library board fails to:

(1) give:

(A) a first published notice to the board's taxpayers of the board's proposed budget and tax levy for the ensuing year at least ten (10) days before the public hearing required under IC 6-1.1-17-3; and

(B) a second published notice to the board's taxpayers of the board's proposed budget and tax levy for the ensuing year at least three (3) days before the public hearing required under IC 6-1.1-17-3; or

(2) finally adopt the budget and fix the tax levy not later than September 30;

the last preceding annual appropriation made for the public library is renewed for the ensuing year, and the last preceding annual tax levy is continued. Under this subsection, the treasurer of the library board shall report the continued tax levy to the county auditor not later than September 30.

SECTION 168. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019] **(a) The legislative council is urged to assign the following topics to an appropriate interim study committee during the 2019 interim:**

(1) The advisability of eliminating the mortgage deduction under IC 6-1.1-12-1.

(2) The advisability of increasing the homestead standard

deduction under IC 6-1.1-12-37.

(b) The legislative council is urged to assign the topic of automatic enrollment of political subdivision employees hired after June 30, 2020, into the political subdivision's deferred compensation plan, if the employee does not reject enrollment within a specified time period, to the interim study commission on pension management oversight for study during the 2019 interim.

(c) The legislative council is urged to assign the topic of allowing municipalities to make deposits of a certain minimum or maximum amount, or both, to a vendor or service provider to ensure the municipality's performance of a contract for the purchase of:

(1) personal property having a cost of more than a certain recommended threshold; or

(2) the services of a performer or performers that the municipality contracts with for performing at an entertainment, cultural, or recreational event or activity having a cost of more than a certain recommended threshold;

to the audit subcommittee for study during the 2019 interim.

(d) This SECTION expires January 1, 2020.

SECTION 169. [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017 (RETROACTIVE)] **(a) This SECTION applies notwithstanding IC 6-1.1-10, IC 6-1.1-11, or any other law or administrative rule or provision.**

(b) This SECTION applies to the January 1, 2017, assessment date.

(c) As used in this SECTION, "eligible property" means any real property and personal property:

(1) for which an exemption application was filed after April 1, 2017, and before April 10, 2017; and

(2) that would have been eligible for an exemption from property taxation under IC 6-1.1-10-16 or any other law if an exemption application had been properly and timely filed under IC 6-1.1 for the property.

(d) The owner of eligible property may, before September 1, 2019, file a property tax exemption application and supporting documents claiming a property tax exemption under this SECTION and IC 6-1.1-10-16 or any other law for the eligible property for the 2017 assessment date.

(e) A property tax exemption application filed as provided in subsection (d) is considered to have been properly and timely filed.

(f) The following apply if the owner of eligible property files a property tax exemption application as provided in subsection (d):

(1) The property tax exemption for the eligible property shall be allowed and granted for the January 1, 2017, assessment date by the county assessor and county auditor of the county in which the eligible property is located.

(2) The owner of the eligible property is not required to pay any property taxes, penalties, or interest with respect to the eligible property for the January 1, 2017, assessment date.

(g) The exemption allowed by this SECTION shall be applied without the need for any further ruling or action by the county assessor, the county auditor, or the county property tax assessment board of appeals of the county in which the eligible property is located or by the Indiana board of tax review.

(h) To the extent the owner of the eligible property has paid any property taxes, penalties, or interest with respect to the eligible property for the January 1, 2017, assessment date and to the extent that the eligible property is exempt from taxation as provided in this SECTION, the owner of the eligible property is entitled to a refund of the amounts paid. The owner is not entitled to any interest on the refund under IC 6-1.1 or any other law to the extent interest has not been paid by or on behalf of the owner. Notwithstanding the filing deadlines for a claim under IC 6-1.1-26, any claim for a refund filed by the owner of eligible property under this SECTION before September 1, 2019, is considered timely filed. The county auditor shall pay the refund due under this SECTION in one (1) installment.

(i) This SECTION expires July 1, 2021.

SECTION 170. [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019 (RETROACTIVE)] **(a) This SECTION applies notwithstanding IC 6-1.1-10, IC 6-1.1-11, or any other law or administrative rule or provision.**

(b) This SECTION applies to assessment dates after December 31, 2011, and before January 1, 2017.

(c) As used in this SECTION, "eligible property" means any real property and personal property:

(1) for which an exemption application was filed before August 1, 2017; and

(2) that would have been eligible for an exemption from property taxation for cemetery property under IC 6-1.1-10-27 if an exemption application had been properly and timely filed under IC 6-1.1 for the property.

(d) The owner of eligible property may, before September 1, 2019, file a property tax exemption application and supporting

documents claiming a property tax exemption under this SECTION and IC 6-1.1-10-27 for the eligible property for an assessment date after December 31, 2011, and before January 1, 2017.

(e) A property tax exemption application filed as provided in subsection (d) is considered to have been properly and timely filed for each assessment date.

(f) The following apply if the owner of eligible property files a property tax exemption application as provided in subsection (d):

(1) The property tax exemption for the eligible property shall be allowed and granted for the applicable assessment date by the county assessor and county auditor of the county in which the eligible property is located.

(2) The owner of the eligible property is not required to pay any property taxes, penalties, or interest with respect to the eligible property for the applicable assessment date.

(g) The exemption allowed by this SECTION shall be applied without the need for any further ruling or action by the county assessor, the county auditor, or the county property tax assessment board of appeals of the county in which the eligible property is located or by the Indiana board of tax review.

(h) To the extent the owner of the eligible property has paid any property taxes, penalties, or interest with respect to the eligible property for an applicable date and to the extent that the eligible property is exempt from taxation as provided in this SECTION, the owner of the eligible property is entitled to a refund of the amounts paid. The owner is not entitled to any interest on the refund under IC 6-1.1 or any other law to the extent interest has not been paid by or on behalf of the owner. Notwithstanding the filing deadlines for a claim under IC 6-1.1-26, any claim for a refund filed by the owner of eligible property under this SECTION before September 1, 2019, is considered timely filed. The county auditor shall pay the refund due under this SECTION in one (1) installment.

(i) This SECTION expires June 30, 2020.

SECTION 171. [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019 (RETROACTIVE)] **(a) This SECTION applies notwithstanding IC 6-1.1-10, IC 6-1.1-11, or any other law or administrative rule or provision.**

(b) This SECTION applies to assessment dates after December 31, 2003, and before March 1, 2015.

(c) As used in this SECTION, "eligible property" means any

real property that:

(1) is owned, occupied, and used by a taxpayer that is a church or religious society and is used for one (1) or more of the purposes described in IC 6-1.1-10-16 or IC 6-1.1-10-21;

(2) consists of three (3) parcels, and at least one (1) of the parcels was purchased by the taxpayer in 2005;

(3) was exempt from property taxes under IC 6-1.1-10-16 or IC 6-1.1-10-21 for the March 1, 2015, assessment date; and

(4) would have been eligible for an exemption under IC 6-1.1-10-16 or IC 6-1.1-10-21 for assessment dates after December 31, 2003, and before March 1, 2015, if an exemption application had been properly and timely filed under IC 6-1.1 for the property.

(d) Before June 1, 2019, the owner of eligible property may file a property tax exemption application and supporting documents claiming a property tax exemption under this SECTION for the eligible property for an assessment date after December 31, 2003, and before March 1, 2015.

(e) A property tax exemption application filed as provided in subsection (d) is considered to have been properly and timely filed for each assessment date.

(f) The following apply if the owner of eligible property files a property tax exemption application as provided in subsection (d):

(1) The property tax exemption for the eligible property shall be allowed and granted for the applicable assessment date by the county assessor and county auditor of the county in which the eligible property is located.

(2) The owner of the eligible property is not required to pay any property taxes, penalties, or interest with respect to the eligible property for the applicable assessment date.

(g) The exemption allowed by this SECTION shall be applied without the need for any further ruling or action by the county assessor, the county auditor, or the county property tax assessment board of appeals of the county in which the eligible property is located or by the Indiana board of tax review.

(h) To the extent the owner of the eligible property has paid any property taxes, penalties, or interest with respect to the eligible property for an applicable date and to the extent that the eligible property is exempt from taxation as provided in this SECTION, the owner of the eligible property is entitled to a refund of the amounts paid. The owner is not entitled to any interest on the refund under IC 6-1.1 or any other law to the extent interest has

not been paid by or on behalf of the owner. Notwithstanding the filing deadlines for a claim under IC 6-1.1-26, any claim for a refund filed by the owner of eligible property under this SECTION before June 1, 2019, is considered timely filed. The county auditor shall pay the refund due under this SECTION in one (1) installment.

(i) This SECTION expires June 30, 2020.

SECTION 172. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] **(a) The legislative council is urged to assign to an appropriate interim study committee, for study during the 2019 interim of the general assembly, the topic of local income taxes, including revenue allocations and uses.**

(b) If the legislative council assigns the topic under subsection (a), the study must include consideration of the following:

(1) For each county:

(A) The number of individuals who reside in the county and work in a different county.

(B) Commuter patterns and road and street lane miles commonly used by commuters.

(C) The use of local income taxes to reduce property taxes.

(D) How local income taxes are used to provide services that benefit employers that employ individuals who reside in a different county than the county in which they work.

(E) The number of calls for public safety service.

(2) Whether local income tax revenue could be allocated more fairly among counties and within counties.

(3) Whether individuals should pay a local income tax to the county where they work and whether a tax credit should be provided for local income taxes paid to the county where they reside.

(c) If the legislative council makes the assignment described in subsection (a), the interim study committee shall, not later than November 1, 2019, report the results of the study and any recommendations for legislation to the legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

(d) This SECTION expires January 1, 2020.

SECTION 173. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019] **(a) For purposes of IC 36-7-30-4, as amended by this act, and notwithstanding the July 1, 2019, effective date for the amendment to IC 36-7-30-4, the terms of members appointed under IC 36-7-30-4(c) end December 31, 2019.**

(b) This SECTION expires June 30, 2020.

SECTION 174. **An emergency is declared for this act.**

Speaker of the House of Representatives

President of the Senate

President Pro Tempore

Governor of the State of Indiana

Date: _____ Time: _____