

HOUSE BILL No. 1429

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 36-6.

Synopsis: Township funding of conservation projects. Allows a township board to include in the township budget adequate funds to help support cooperative conservation projects that are designed to monitor and improve watersheds in the township. Requires a township trustee to pay out funds that have been budgeted and will be used for township conservation projects and cooperative conservation projects in which the township is involved.

Effective: July 1, 2015.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 36-6-4-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2009,
2 SECTION 163, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 3. The executive shall do the
4 following:
5 (1) Keep a written record of official proceedings.
6 (2) Manage all township property interests.
7 (3) Keep township records open for public inspection.
8 (4) Attend all meetings of the township legislative body.
9 (5) Receive and pay out township funds.
10 (6) Examine and settle all accounts and demands chargeable
11 against the township.
12 (7) Administer township assistance under IC 12-20 and
13 IC 12-30-4.
14 (8) Perform the duties of fence viewer under IC 32-26.
15 (9) Provide and maintain cemeteries under IC 23-14.



- 1 (10) Provide fire protection under IC 36-8, except in a township
 2 that:
 3 (A) is located in a county having a consolidated city; and
 4 (B) consolidated the township's fire department under
 5 IC 36-3-1-6.1.
 6 (11) File an annual personnel report under IC 5-11-13.
 7 (12) Provide and maintain township parks and community centers
 8 under IC 36-10.
 9 (13) Destroy detrimental plants, noxious weeds, and rank
 10 vegetation under IC 15-16-8.
 11 (14) Provide insulin to the poor under IC 12-20-16.
 12 **(15) Pay out funds that have been budgeted and will be used**
 13 **for:**
 14 **(A) township conservation projects; and**
 15 **(B) cooperative conservation projects in which the**
 16 **township is involved.**
 17 ~~(15)~~ **(16)** Perform other duties prescribed by statute.
 18 SECTION 2. IC 36-6-6-11 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 19 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 11. (a) The legislative
 20 body shall meet annually in accord with IC 6-1.1-17, to adopt the
 21 township's annual budget.
 22 (b) The legislative body shall consider the estimates of expenditures
 23 made by the executive under IC 36-6-4-11, and may approve or reject
 24 all or part of any estimate or any item within an estimate. The
 25 legislative body may require the executive to further itemize an
 26 estimate not sufficiently itemized.
 27 (c) The legislative body may not appropriate for any purpose an
 28 amount more than the executive's estimate of the amount required for
 29 that purpose.
 30 (d) The legislative body:
 31 (1) shall include in the budget:
 32 ~~(1)~~ **(A)** provisions for the payment of existing debt of the
 33 township as it becomes due; ~~and~~
 34 ~~(2)~~ **(B)** the salaries fixed under section 10 of this chapter; ~~and~~
 35 **(2) may include in the budget adequate funds to help support**
 36 **cooperative conservation projects that are designed to**
 37 **monitor and improve watersheds in the township.**
 38 (e) In making levies for the township general fund, the legislative
 39 body may include an amount not more than the amount necessary to
 40 compensate its members for their services during the year for which the
 41 levies are made.
 42 (f) After the legislative body has taken action on the executive's



1 estimates, it shall levy taxes for the township funds on property in the
2 township and fix rates of taxation sufficient to provide that revenue
3 during the next year.

4 (g) On the assessment date, as defined by IC 6-1.1-1-2, the rates of
5 taxation adopted under this section become a levy and a lien on all
6 taxable property in the township, including property in municipalities
7 in the township. The levy constitutes an appropriation for the specific
8 items in the executive's estimates.

