

HOUSE BILL No. 1459

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 4-2-7-5.

Synopsis: Use of state property for political purposes. Provides that the code of ethics adopted by the inspector general may not authorize: (1) a state officer, an employee, or a special state appointee to use state materials, funds, property, personnel, facilities, or equipment for a political purpose; or (2) adoption of policies or regulations that authorize a state officer, an employee, or a special state appointee to use state materials, funds, property, personnel, facilities, or equipment for a political purpose. Provides that a state officer or an individual designated by the state officer may use state materials, funds, property, personnel, facilities, or equipment to coordinate the state officer's official, personal, and political calendars.

Effective: July 1, 2015.

Pierce

January 14, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Government and Regulatory Reform.



First Regular Session of the 119th General Assembly (2015)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2014 Regular Session and 2014 Second Regular Technical Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state offices and administration.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 4-2-7-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.222-2005, SECTION
2 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
3 2015]: Sec. 5. (a) The inspector general shall adopt rules under
4 IC 4-22-2 establishing a code of ethics for the conduct of state
5 business. The code of ethics:
6 (1) must be consistent with Indiana law; **and**
7 (2) **may not, except as provided in subsection (b), authorize:**
8 (A) **a state officer, an employee, or a special state appointee**
9 **to use state materials, funds, property, personnel, facilities,**
10 **or equipment for a political purpose; or**
11 **(B) adoption of policies or regulations that authorize a**
12 **state officer, an employee, or a special state appointee to**
13 **use state materials, funds, property, personnel, facilities, or**
14 **equipment for a political purpose.**
15 (b) **A state officer or an individual designated by the state**



- 1 **officer may use state materials, funds, property, personnel,**
2 **facilities, or equipment to coordinate the state officer's official,**
3 **personal, and political calendars.**
- 4 ~~(b)~~ (c) If the inspector general investigates and determines that there
5 is specific and credible evidence that a current or former employee, a
6 current or former state officer, a current or former special state
7 appointee, or a person who has or had a business relationship with an
8 agency has violated the code of ethics, the inspector general may:
- 9 (1) file a complaint with the ethics commission and represent the
10 state in a public proceeding before the ethics commission as
11 prescribed in IC 4-2-6-4; or
12 (2) file a complaint with the ethics commission and negotiate an
13 agreed settlement for approval by the ethics commission
14 according to its rules.

