

# SENATE BILL No. 27

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 4-23-32-4.

**Synopsis:** Native American Indian affairs commission. Changes the membership requirements for members of the Native American Indian affairs commission as follows: (1) Specifies that eight, rather than six, members must be Native American Indians from different geographic regions of Indiana. (2) Removes the requirement that two members must be Native American Indians who have knowledge in Native American traditions and spiritual issues. (3) Replaces the commissioner of the commission for higher education or the commissioner's designee as an ex officio member with the director of the department of child services or the director's designee. (4) Provides that not more than two members of the commission may represent the same tribe or organization. (Current law limits a particular tribe or organization to one member.)

**Effective:** July 1, 2020.

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January 6, 2020, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Policy.

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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 4-23-32-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.133-2012,
- 2 SECTION 30, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 4. (a) The commission consists of fifteen (15)
- 4 voting members and two (2) nonvoting members. The voting members
- 5 of the commission consist of the following:
- 6 (1) ~~Six (6)~~ **Eight (8)** Native American Indians, each from a
- 7 different geographic region of Indiana.
- 8 (2) ~~Two (2)~~ **Native American Indians who have knowledge in**
- 9 **Native American traditions and spiritual issues:**
- 10 (3) ~~(2)~~ **The commissioner of the department of correction or the**
- 11 **commissioner's designee.**
- 12 (4) ~~(3)~~ **The commissioner of the commission for higher education**
- 13 **or the commissioner's director of the department of child**
- 14 **services or the director's designee.**
- 15 (5) ~~(4)~~ **The commissioner of the state department of health or the**
- 16 **commissioner's designee.**
- 17 (6) ~~(5)~~ **The secretary of family and social services or the**



- 1 secretary's designee.  
 2 ~~(7)~~ **(6)** The director of the department of natural resources or the  
 3 director's designee.  
 4 ~~(8)~~ **(7)** The state superintendent of public instruction or the  
 5 superintendent's designee.  
 6 ~~(9)~~ **(8)** The commissioner of the department of workforce  
 7 development or the commissioner's designee.  
 8 (b) The nonvoting members of the commission consist of the  
 9 following:  
 10 (1) One (1) member of the house of representatives appointed by  
 11 the speaker of the house of representatives.  
 12 (2) One (1) member of the senate appointed by the president pro  
 13 tempore of the senate.  
 14 (c) The governor shall appoint each Native American Indian  
 15 member of the commission to a term of four (4) years, and any vacancy  
 16 occurring shall be filled by the governor for the unexpired term. Before  
 17 appointing a Native American Indian member to the commission, the  
 18 governor shall solicit nominees from Indiana associations that represent  
 19 Native American Indians in the geographic region from which the  
 20 member will be selected. Not more than ~~one~~ ~~(1)~~ **member two (2)**  
 21 **members** may represent the same tribe or Native American Indian  
 22 organization or association.  
 23 (d) A member of the commission may be removed by the member's  
 24 appointing authority.  
 25 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020] **(a) As used in this**  
 26 **SECTION, "commission" means the Native American Indian**  
 27 **affairs commission established by IC 4-23-32-3.**  
 28 **(b) An individual who:**  
 29 **(1) serves as a member of the commission on June 30, 2020;**  
 30 **and**  
 31 **(2) is disqualified for further service on the commission by**  
 32 **IC 4-23-32-4, as amended by this act;**  
 33 **may continue to serve on the commission after June 30, 2020, until**  
 34 **a qualified individual is appointed under IC 4-23-32-4, as amended**  
 35 **by this act.**  
 36 **(c) This SECTION expires June 30, 2021.**

