

SENATE BILL No. 191

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 3-5-9-3.5; IC 3-5-9-7.1.

Synopsis: Firefighters serving on township boards. Allows an individual to serve as a member of a township board and also serve as a volunteer firefighter or full-time firefighter of a fire department that provides fire services to the township. Specifies that an individual who serves as a firefighter and was serving as a township board member on January 1, 2013, and whose term has not expired, may continue to: (1) serve as a firefighter and member of the township board; and (2) run for reelection and assume office as a member of the township board.

Effective: Upon passage.

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January 6, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government.



First Regular Session 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.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 3-5-9-3.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 3.5. Notwithstanding any other provision**
4 **of this chapter, an individual may:**
5 (1) **serve as a full-time firefighter or volunteer firefighter for**
6 **a volunteer fire department or fire department that provides**
7 **fire protection services to a township; and**
8 (2) **assume or hold office as a member of the legislative and**
9 **fiscal body of the township that receives fire protection**
10 **services from the volunteer fire department or fire**
11 **department in which the full-time firefighter or volunteer**
12 **firefighter serves.**
13 **If the individual is an employee of the township serving as a**
14 **full-time firefighter for the township fire department, the**
15 **individual is not considered to have resigned as a township**
16 **employee when the individual assumes the office as a member of**



1 the legislative and fiscal body of the township that employs the
2 individual.

3 SECTION 2. IC 3-5-9-7.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
4 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
5 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 7.1. (a) This section applies to an individual
6 who:

7 (1) serves as a volunteer firefighter or a full-time firefighter
8 for a volunteer fire department or fire department that
9 provides fire protection services to a township; and

10 (2) was serving as a member of the township legislative and
11 fiscal body on January 1, 2013, and the term has not expired.

12 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, an
13 individual may:

14 (1) serve:

15 (A) as a volunteer firefighter or firefighter for a volunteer
16 fire department or fire department that provides fire
17 protection services to a township; and

18 (B) as a member of the township legislative and fiscal body
19 on which the individual was serving as a member on
20 January 1, 2013; and

21 (2) run for reelection as a member of the township legislative
22 and fiscal body that the individual was serving as a member
23 of on January 1, 2013.

24 If the individual is an employee of the township serving as a
25 full-time firefighter for the township fire department, the
26 individual is not considered to have resigned as a township
27 employee if the individual assumes the office upon reelection as a
28 member of the legislative and fiscal body of the township that
29 employs the individual.

30 (c) This section expires July 1, 2017.

31 SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.

