

SENATE BILL No. 241

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 2-2.1-1-14; IC 2-2.1-1.2.

Synopsis: Sessions of the general assembly. Provides that the general assembly may convene in an initiated session if the following apply: (1) The legislative council adopts a resolution requesting the governor to call a special session under Article 4, Section 9 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana. (2) The resolution states specific reasons that the public welfare requires the general assembly to meet in a special session. (3) The resolution states a specific date for the general assembly to convene in session. (4) The governor does not call a special session before the date stated in the legislative council resolution. Requires the presiding officers of the house and the senate to convene the general assembly in session if the governor does not call a special session before the date stated in the legislative council resolution. Provides that an initiated session may not continue for more than 40 calendar days. Provides that for purposes of Article 5, Section 14 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana, a vetoed bill passed at a session of the general assembly must be reconsidered and voted upon as provided in Article 5, Section 14 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana not later than the sine die adjournment of the next regular session that occurs after the session that first passed the bill.

Effective: Upon passage.

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January 11, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure.



First Regular Session of the 122nd General Assembly (2021)

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 2020 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 2-2.1-1-14 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 14. For purposes of Article 5, Section 14 of**
4 **the Constitution of the State of Indiana, a vetoed bill passed at a**
5 **session of the general assembly must be reconsidered and voted**
6 **upon as provided in Article 5, Section 14 of the Constitution of the**
7 **State of Indiana not later than the sine die adjournment of the next**
8 **regular session that occurs after the session that first passed the**
9 **bill.**

10 SECTION 2. IC 2-2.1-1.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
11 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
12 UPON PASSAGE]:

13 **Chapter 1.2. Initiated Sessions**

14 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "initiated session" refers to a**
15 **session of the general assembly convened under this chapter.**

16 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "legislative council" refers to the**
17 **legislative council established by IC 2-5-1.1-1.**



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Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "presiding officer" refers to the following:

- (1) For the house, the speaker of the house.**
- (2) For the senate, the president pro tempore of the senate.**

Sec. 4. The general assembly may convene under this chapter if all of the following apply:

- (1) The legislative council adopts a resolution requesting the governor to call a special session of the general assembly under Article 4, Section 9 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana.**
- (2) The resolution states specific reasons that the public welfare requires the general assembly to meet in a special session.**
- (3) The resolution states a specific date for the general assembly to convene in session.**
- (4) The governor does not call a special session before the date stated under subdivision (3).**

Sec. 5. If section 4 of this chapter applies, the presiding officers each shall convene their respective houses on the date stated in section 4(3) of this chapter.

Sec. 6. An initiated session may continue for not more than forty (40) calendar days following the day upon which the session is convened.

SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.

