



## **SENATE BILL No. 248**

DIGEST OF SB 248 (Updated February 18, 2019 4:00 pm - DI 120)

**Citations Affected:** IC 6-3.6.

**Synopsis:** Distributions of public safety income tax revenue. Requires the distribution of public safety local income tax revenues to a township that provides fire protection or emergency medical services (other than a township in Marion County). Permits a qualified fire protection territory and a qualified fire protection district (other than in Marion County) to be eligible to receive distributions of public safety local income tax revenues.

Effective: July 1, 2019.

# Niemeyer, Ford Jon

January 3, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Tax and Fiscal Policy. February 7, 2019, reported favorably — Do Pass. February 18, 2019, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.



First Regular Session of the 121st General Assembly (2019)

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## SENATE BILL No. 248

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

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

SECTION 1. IC 6-3.6-6-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.247-2017,
SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 8. (a) This section applies to the allocation of
additional revenue from a tax under this chapter to public safety
purposes. Funding dedicated for a PSAP under a former tax continues
to apply under this chapter until it is rescinded or modified. If funding
was not dedicated for a PSAP under a former tax, the adopting body
may adopt a resolution providing that all or part of the additional
revenue allocated to public safety is to be dedicated for a PSAP. The
resolution first applies in the following year and then thereafter until it
is rescinded or modified. Funding dedicated for a PSAP shall be
allocated and distributed as provided in IC 6-3.6-11-4.

- (b) As used in this section, "qualified fire protection territory" means a fire protection territory as described in IC 36-8-19-5 whose boundaries are entirely contained within a single county other than Marion County.
  - (c) As used in this section, "qualified fire protection district"



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- (A) in the case of a county that initially imposed a rate for public safety under IC 6-3.5-6 (repealed), the result of the total property taxes imposed in the county by the county or municipality for the calendar year preceding the distribution year, divided by the sum of the total property taxes imposed in the county by the county and each municipality in the county that is entitled to a distribution under this section for that calendar year; or
- (B) in the case of a county that initially imposed a rate for public safety under IC 6-3.5-1.1 (repealed) or a county that did not impose a rate for public safety under either IC 6-3.5-1.1 (repealed) or IC 6-3.5-6 (repealed), the result of the attributed allocation amount of the county or municipality for the calendar year preceding the distribution year, divided by the sum of the attributed allocation amounts of the county and each municipality in the county that is entitled to a distribution under this section for that calendar year.
- (f) Part of the certified distribution allocated to a county (other than Marion County) under subsection (e) shall be allocated among the qualified townships in the county. The amount allocated under this subsection to each qualified township is equal to the result of:
  - (1) the amount of the certified distribution that is allocated to



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(A) in the case of a county that initially imposed a rate for public safety under IC 6-3.5-6 (repealed), the result of the total property taxes imposed in the county by the qualified township for the calendar year, divided by the sum of the total property taxes imposed in the county by the county and each qualified township in the county; or

(B) in the case of a county that initially imposed a rate for public safety under IC 6-3.5-1.1 (repealed) or a county that did not impose a rate for public safety under either IC 6-3.5-1.1 (repealed) or IC 6-3.5-6 (repealed), the result of the attributed allocation amount of the qualified township for the calendar year, divided by the sum of the attributed allocation amounts of the county and each qualified township in the county.

A qualified township may, before July 1 of a year, apply to the county adopting body for a distribution of tax revenue under this section. The county adopting body shall review an application submitted by a qualified township under this subsection and shall, before September 1 of a year, adopt a resolution requiring tax revenue to be distributed to the qualified township under this section. The county adopting body shall provide a copy of the resolution to the county auditor and the department of local government finance not more than fifteen (15) days after the resolution is adopted. A resolution adopted under this subsection and provided in a timely manner to the county auditor and the department of local government finance applies to distributions of tax revenue to the qualified township in the following calendar year and each calendar year thereafter until the qualified township rescinds its application under this subsection. A qualified township that wishes to rescind its application under this subsection must notify the county adopting body in writing before July 1 of a year. If the county adopting body receives a qualified township's written notice to rescind its application for a distribution of tax revenue under this subsection, the county adopting body shall adopt a resolution rescinding the qualified township's distribution before September 1 of a year and shall provide a copy of the resolution to the county auditor and the department of local government finance not more than fifteen (15) days after the resolution is adopted.

(e) (g) A fire department, volunteer fire department, qualified fire protection territory, qualified fire protection district, or emergency



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- (1) provides fire protection or emergency medical services within the county; and
- (2) is operated by or serves a political subdivision that is not otherwise entitled to receive a distribution of tax revenue under this section:

may, before July 1 of a year, apply to the adopting body for a distribution of tax revenue under this section during the following calendar year. The adopting body shall review an application submitted under this subsection and may, before September 1 of a year, adopt a resolution requiring that one (1) or more of the applicants shall receive a specified amount of the tax revenue to be distributed under this section during the following calendar year. The adopting body shall provide a copy of the resolution to the county auditor and the department of local government finance not more than fifteen (15) days after the resolution is adopted. A resolution adopted under this subsection and provided in a timely manner to the county auditor and the department applies only to distributions in the following calendar year. Any amount of tax revenue distributed under this subsection to a fire department, volunteer fire department, or emergency medical services provider shall be distributed before the remainder of the tax revenue is allocated under subsection (b). (e).



#### COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Tax and Fiscal Policy, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 248, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is to SB 248 as introduced.)

HOLDMAN, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 12, Nays 2

#### SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senate Bill 248 be amended to read as follows:

Page 1, between lines 15 and 16, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(c) As used in this section, "qualified fire protection district" means a fire protection district established under IC 36-8-11.".

Page 1, line 16, delete "(c)" and insert "(d)".

Page 2, line 3, delete "(d)" and insert "(e)".

Page 2, line 3, delete "(f)," and insert "(g),".

Page 2, line 35, delete "(e)" and insert "(f)".

Page 2, line 36, delete "(d)" and insert "(e)".

Page 2, line 40, delete "(d)" and insert "(e)".

Page 3, line 14, delete "(f)" and insert "(g)".

Page 3, line 15, after "territory," insert "qualified fire protection district,".

Page 3, line 36, delete "(d)" and insert "(e)".

(Reference is to SB 248 as printed February 8, 2019.)

**NIEMEYER** 



#### SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senate Bill 248 be amended to read as follows:

Page 3, between lines 13 and 14, begin a new line blocked left and insert.

"A qualified township may, before July 1 of a year, apply to the county adopting body for a distribution of tax revenue under this section. The county adopting body shall review an application submitted by a qualified township under this subsection and shall, before September 1 of a year, adopt a resolution requiring tax revenue to be distributed to the qualified township under this section. The county adopting body shall provide a copy of the resolution to the county auditor and the department of local government finance not more than fifteen (15) days after the resolution is adopted. A resolution adopted under this subsection and provided in a timely manner to the county auditor and the department of local government finance applies to distributions of tax revenue to the qualified township in the following calendar year and each calendar year thereafter until the qualified township rescinds its application under this subsection. A qualified township that wishes to rescind its application under this subsection must notify the county adopting body in writing before July 1 of a year. If the county adopting body receives a qualified township's written notice to rescind its application for a distribution of tax revenue under this subsection, the county adopting body shall adopt a resolution rescinding the qualified township's distribution before September 1 of a year and shall provide a copy of the resolution to the county auditor and the department of local government finance not more than fifteen (15) days after the resolution is adopted.".

(Reference is to SB 248 as printed February 8, 2019.)

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### SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senate Bill 248 be amended to read as follows:

Page 1, line 15, delete "county." insert "county other than Marion County."

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Page 1, line 17, delete "the county" and insert "a county (other than Marion County)".

Page 2, line 35, after "county" insert "(other than Marion County)".

(Reference is to SB 248 as printed February 8, 2019.)

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