

# SENATE BILL No. 256

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 14-12-2.

**Synopsis:** Benjamin Harrison conservation trust. Makes nonvoting members of the Indiana Heritage Trust project committee voting members. Makes conforming changes.

**Effective:** July 1, 2017.

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January 9, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 14-12-2-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.172-2016,  
2 SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 14. (a) The President Benjamin Harrison  
4 conservation trust project committee is established.  
5 (b) The project committee consists of the following twenty-one (21)  
6 members:  
7 (1) The director of the division of fish and wildlife.  
8 (2) The director of the division of forestry.  
9 (3) The director of the division of nature preserves.  
10 (4) The director of the division of state parks.  
11 (5) The director of the division of outdoor recreation.  
12 (6) The chief executive officer of the Indiana state museum and  
13 historic sites corporation established by IC 4-37-2-1.  
14 (7) The chairperson of the board of directors of the natural  
15 resources foundation.  
16 (8) Ten (10) individuals appointed by the governor. The governor  
17 shall appoint individuals so that all the following are satisfied:



- 1 (A) The individuals must be residents of Indiana.  
 2 (B) The individuals must have a demonstrated interest or  
 3 experience in:  
 4 (i) conservation of natural resources; or  
 5 (ii) management of public property.  
 6 (C) There must be two (2) committee members from each of  
 7 the following regions of Indiana:  
 8 (i) Northwest.  
 9 (ii) Northeast.  
 10 (iii) Southwest.  
 11 (iv) Southeast.  
 12 (v) Central.  
 13 (9) The following four (4) ~~nonvoting~~ members:  
 14 (A) One (1) member of the house of representatives appointed  
 15 by the speaker of the house of representatives.  
 16 (B) One (1) member of the house of representatives appointed  
 17 by the minority leader of the house of representatives.  
 18 (C) One (1) member of the senate appointed by the president  
 19 pro tempore of the senate.  
 20 (D) One (1) member of the senate appointed by the minority  
 21 leader of the senate.  
 22 (c) The individuals appointed by the governor under subsection  
 23 (b)(8) must represent one (1) or more of the following:  
 24 (1) The environmentalist community.  
 25 (2) The land trust community.  
 26 (3) Organized hunting and fishing groups.  
 27 (4) The forest products community.  
 28 (5) The parks and recreation community.  
 29 Each group and community listed in subdivisions (1) through (5) must  
 30 be represented on the project committee.  
 31 SECTION 2. IC 14-12-2-18, AS AMENDED BY P.L.172-2016,  
 32 SECTION 19, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 33 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 18. (a) ~~Nine (9)~~ **One half (1/2) plus one (1) of the**  
 34 **members of the project committee constitute a quorum.**  
 35 (b) The affirmative vote of a majority of the ~~voting~~ members of the  
 36 project committee present and voting is necessary for the project  
 37 committee to take any action.  
 38 (c) A member of the project committee described in section 14(b)(1)  
 39 through 14(b)(6) of this chapter may designate in writing a  
 40 representative from the respective division to serve as a member of the  
 41 project committee when the member of the project committee is unable  
 42 to attend a meeting.

