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SENATE BILL No. 276

DIGEST OF SB 276 (Updated February 1, 2023 2:30 pm - DI 140)

Citations Affected: IC 1-2.

Synopsis: Selection of poet laureate. Revises the selection process for a poet laureate. Provides that the selection committee may meet as necessary. Removes the requirement that a poet laureate be selected by December 1 of each odd-numbered year. Removes the fixed term duration and instead provides that the poet laureate serves a minimum of two years. Removes the \$2,500 pay cap for a poet laureate. Provides that the Indiana arts commission may engage other partners for services as needed.

Effective: July 1, 2023.

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January 11, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Policy.
February 2, 2023, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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First Regular Session of the 123rd General Assembly (2023)

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 2022 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 1-2-12-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.2-2007,
2 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 4. (a) The selection committee consists of a
4 **diverse body of** the following eight (8) members:
5 (1) Seven (7) members selected by the commission who ~~represent~~
6 ~~state educational institutions and private postsecondary~~
7 ~~educational institutions:~~ **are reflective of statewide**
8 **representation and expertise.**
9 (2) The executive director of the commission.
10 (b) ~~The president of each of the institutions selected under~~
11 ~~subsection (a)(1) shall name a faculty member to serve on the selection~~
12 ~~committee. The faculty member must:~~
13 (1) ~~be a member of the fine arts or English department of the~~
14 ~~institution; and~~
15 (2) ~~teach writing.~~
16 (c) **(b)** The executive director of the commission:
17 (1) is the chair of; and

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1 (2) shall establish the meeting times and dates for;
2 the selection committee.

3 SECTION 2. IC 1-2-12-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.164-2005,
4 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
5 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 5. The selection committee shall do the following:

6 (1) Meet on a biennial basis to select the poet laureate, **or as**
7 **needed.**

8 (2) Determine a method of selecting the poet laureate.

9 (3) Select a poet laureate. ~~not later than December 1 of each~~
10 ~~odd-numbered year.~~

11 (4) Permit a person to be selected as poet laureate even if the
12 person has previously served as poet laureate.

13 SECTION 3. IC 1-2-12-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.164-2005,
14 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
15 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 6. A person selected as poet laureate serves, **at a**
16 **minimum**, a two (2) year term that begins January 1 following the poet
17 laureate's selection.

18 SECTION 4. IC 1-2-12-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.164-2005,
19 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
20 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 7. (a) The poet laureate shall do the following:

21 (1) Make a formal appearance at schools, libraries, and other
22 educational facilities.

23 (2) Offer advice to the commission concerning ways to further the
24 art of poetry in Indiana.

25 (3) Represent Indiana and the art of poetry to the education
26 community and the public.

27 (b) The department of education shall assist the poet laureate in
28 scheduling ~~the poet laureate's appearances in educational facilities and~~
29 ~~at other appropriate events.~~ **other activities as mutually agreed upon**
30 **by the poet laureate and the commission.**

31 SECTION 5. IC 1-2-12-8, AS ADDED BY P.L.164-2005,
32 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
33 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 8. (a) The commission may pay an annual
34 honorarium of **between** two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500)
35 **and four thousand dollars (\$4,000)** to the poet laureate.

36 (b) The commission may ~~pay a per diem to the poet laureate for~~
37 ~~each day that the poet laureate makes an appearance under this chapter.~~
38 **engage with other partners to administer poet laureate activities as**
39 **necessary.**

40 (c) ~~The commission may pay travel expenses to a member of the~~
41 ~~selection committee unless the member's institution reimburses the~~
42 ~~member for the expenses.~~



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Public Policy, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 276, 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 276 as introduced.)

ALTING, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0

