

# SENATE BILL No. 329

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 36-9-29-8.

**Synopsis:** Flood control district board of commissioners. Increases the membership of the flood control district board of commissioners to include two individuals appointed by the executive of each town included in whole or in part in the flood control district if the town does not have a works board.

**Effective:** July 1, 2021.

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January 11, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 36-9-29-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.127-2017,
- 2 SECTION 371, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 8. (a) If a flood control district is
- 4 established under this chapter, the construction of the flood control
- 5 works shall be carried out under the control of a flood control board, to
- 6 be known as "Board of Commissioners, \_\_\_\_\_ Flood Control
- 7 District" (designating the name of the city instituting the proceedings
- 8 for the establishment of the district).
- 9 (b) The flood control board consists of:
- 10 (1) the members of the works board of the city petitioning for the
- 11 establishment of the flood control district; ~~and~~
- 12 (2) the executive of each town or township included in whole or
- 13 in part in the district; ~~and~~
- 14 **(3) two (2) individuals appointed by the executive of each**
- 15 **town included in whole or in part in the flood control district**
- 16 **if the town does not have a works board.**
- 17 (c) Before entering upon the commissioner's duties, each



1 commissioner of the flood control board shall take and subscribe the  
2 usual oath of office, and shall file it with the clerk of the circuit court.

3 (d) If any commissioner of the flood control board fails or refuses  
4 to qualify, or after qualifying fails or refuses to take part in the  
5 proceedings of the board, then the board, by a majority vote, may  
6 petition the circuit court for the appointment of a new commissioner.  
7 After a hearing and a showing of cause, the court may remove the  
8 offending commissioner. If the court removes a commissioner, the  
9 executive of the city shall appoint a new commissioner. The new  
10 commissioner must be a freeholder residing in the part of the district  
11 previously represented by the commissioner removed.

12 (e) Each commissioner of a flood control board is entitled to a salary  
13 fixed by the board, subject to the approval of the legislative body of the  
14 city petitioning for the establishment of the flood control district.

15 (f) Within ten (10) days after the entry of the decree establishing the  
16 flood control district, the commissioners of the flood control board  
17 shall meet at the office of the works board of the city petitioning for the  
18 establishment of the district, and shall organize by electing one (1) of  
19 their number president and one (1) vice president. These officers shall  
20 perform the duties usually pertaining to their offices, and shall serve for  
21 a period of one (1) year or until their successors are elected and  
22 qualified. The board shall also appoint a secretary pro tempore to keep  
23 the records of the proceedings until the board appoints a permanent  
24 secretary. The minutes of the board shall be kept in a permanent minute  
25 book, and the first entry in the book must be a copy of the decree  
26 establishing the district and fixing its boundaries.

27 (g) A majority of the commissioners of the flood control board  
28 constitutes a quorum for the transaction of any business. If the board  
29 consists of an even number of commissioners and there is a tie vote on  
30 any question, the vote of the president on the question is controlling.

31 (h) The flood control board may:

- 32 (1) sue and be sued;
- 33 (2) exercise the power of eminent domain;
- 34 (3) adopt rules governing the holding of regular meetings, the  
35 calling of special meetings, methods of procedure, and similar  
36 matters; and
- 37 (4) perform all acts necessary and proper for carrying out the  
38 purposes of the flood control district.

39 (i) The office of the flood control board shall be maintained at the  
40 office of the works board of the city petitioning for the establishment  
41 of the district, or at another place furnished by the city. All records of  
42 the board shall be kept at the office and are public records, open to



1 inspection by the public during business hours.  
2 (j) A commissioner, appointee, or employee of the flood control  
3 board may not have any direct or indirect interest in any contract let by  
4 the board, or in the furnishing of supplies or materials to the board.

