

HOUSE BILL No. 1025

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 36-1-3-15.6.

Synopsis: Residency of prosecutors and public defenders. Provides that a deputy prosecuting attorney and a public defender may not be subject to a county residency requirement, unless the residency requirement includes all counties contiguous to the county in which the individual serves.

Effective: Upon passage.

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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 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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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 36-1-3-15.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 15.6. (a) The following may not be subject**
4 **to a county residency requirement, unless the residency**
5 **requirement includes all counties contiguous to the county in which**
6 **the individual serves:**
7 **(1) A deputy prosecuting attorney.**
8 **(2) A public defender.**
9 **(b) This section does not apply to a chief public defender.**
10 SECTION 2. **An emergency is declared for this act.**

