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HOUSE BILL No. 1161

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DIGEST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT HB 1161. Provides that, in the case of a reorganized political subdivision, the oath of office of the town board of police commissioners is administered by any of the individuals granted notary powers.

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 6-9-18-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.175-2018,
2 SECTION 18, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) If a tax is levied under section 3 of this
4 chapter, the county executive shall create a commission to promote the
5 development and growth of the convention, visitor, and tourism
6 industry in the county. If two (2) or more adjoining counties desire to
7 establish a joint commission, the counties shall enter into an agreement
8 under IC 36-1-7.

9 (b) The county executive shall determine the number of members,
10 which must be an odd number, to be appointed to the commission. A
11 simple majority of the members must be:

12 (1) engaged in a convention, visitor, or tourism business; or
13 (2) involved in or promoting conventions, visitors, or tourism.

14 A member appointed to the commission under subdivision (1) or (2)
15 need not be a resident of the county if the member is an owner or an
16 executive level employee of a convention, visitor, or tourism business
17 that is located within the county. However, the member must be a
18 resident of Indiana. If available and willing to serve, at least two (2) of
19 the members must be engaged in the business of renting or furnishing

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1 rooms, lodging, or accommodations (as described in section 3 of this
 2 chapter). Not more than one (1) member may be affiliated with the
 3 same business entity. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection,
 4 each member must reside in the county. The county executive shall
 5 also determine who will make the appointments to the commission,
 6 except that the executive of the largest municipality in the county shall
 7 appoint a number of the members of the commission, which number
 8 shall be in the same ratio to the total size of the commission (rounded
 9 off to the nearest whole number) that the population of the largest
 10 municipality bears to the total population of the county.

11 (c) This subsection applies to a county in which a tax imposed
 12 under this chapter becomes effective after December 31, 1989. If a
 13 municipality other than the largest municipality in the county collects
 14 fifty percent (50%) or more of the tax revenue collected under this
 15 chapter during the three (3) month period following imposition of the
 16 tax, the executive of the municipality shall appoint the same number of
 17 members to the commission that the executive of the largest
 18 municipality in the county appoints under subsection (b).

19 (d) Except as provided in subsection (c), all terms of office of
 20 commission members begin on January 1. Initial appointments must be
 21 for staggered terms, with subsequent appointments for two (2) year
 22 terms. A member whose term expires may be reappointed to serve
 23 another term. If a vacancy occurs, the appointing authority shall
 24 appoint a qualified person to serve for the remainder of the term. If an
 25 initial appointment is not made by February 1 or a vacancy is not filled
 26 within thirty (30) days, the commission shall appoint a member by
 27 majority vote.

28 (e) A member of the commission ~~may be removed for cause by~~
 29 serves at the pleasure of the member's appointing authority.

30 (f) Members of the commission may not receive a salary.
 31 However, commission members are entitled to reimbursement for
 32 necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their respective
 33 duties.

34 (g) Each commission member, before entering the member's
 35 duties, shall take an oath of office in the usual form, to be endorsed
 36 upon the member's certificate of appointment and promptly filed with
 37 the clerk of the circuit court of the county.

38 (h) The commission shall meet after January 1 each year for the
 39 purpose of organization. It shall elect one (1) of its members president,
 40 another vice president, another secretary, and another treasurer. The
 41 members elected to those offices shall perform the duties pertaining to
 42 the offices. The first officers chosen shall serve from the date of their

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1 election until their successors are elected and qualified. A majority of
 2 the commission constitutes a quorum, and the concurrence of a
 3 majority of the commission is necessary to authorize any action.

4 SECTION 2. IC 7.1-2-4-21 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 5 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 21. Removal from
 6 Office. **For a local board in a county that does not contain a**
 7 **consolidated city, an appointed member serves at the pleasure of**
 8 **the board of member's appointing authority.** An appointed member
 9 of a local board, **other than a member appointed to a local board in**
 10 **a county that does not contain a consolidated city,** may be removed
 11 from office only for good cause. The commission shall give the
 12 member a written copy of the charges against ~~him~~ **the member** and
 13 shall fix the time, which shall not be less than five (5) days thereafter,
 14 when the member may appear before the commission and show cause
 15 why ~~he~~ **the member** should not be removed. The commission shall
 16 establish procedures for the removal of an appointed member of a local
 17 board. The findings and determinations of the commission in respect
 18 to a removal shall be final.

19 SECTION 3. IC 11-12-2-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.86-2017,
 20 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 21 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) To qualify for financial aid under this
 22 chapter, a county must establish a community corrections advisory
 23 board by resolution of the county executive or, in a county having a
 24 consolidated city, by the city-county council. A community corrections
 25 advisory board consists of:

- 26 (1) the county sheriff or the sheriff's designee;
- 27 (2) the prosecuting attorney or the prosecuting attorney's
 28 designee;
- 29 (3) the executive of the most populous municipality in the county
 30 or the executive's designee;
- 31 (4) two (2) judges having criminal jurisdiction, if available,
 32 appointed by the circuit court judge or the judges' designees;
- 33 (5) one (1) judge having juvenile jurisdiction, appointed by the
 34 circuit court judge;
- 35 (6) one (1) public defender or the public defender's designee, if
 36 available, or one (1) attorney with a substantial criminal defense
 37 practice appointed by the county executive or, in a county having
 38 a consolidated city, by the city-county council;
- 39 (7) one (1) victim, or victim advocate if available, appointed by
 40 the county executive or, in a county having a consolidated city,
 41 by the city-county council;
- 42 (8) one (1) ex-offender, if available, appointed by the county

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1 executive or, in a county having a consolidated city, by the
 2 city-county council;
 3 (9) the director of the local office of the department of child
 4 services or the director's designee;
 5 (10) a representative from a juvenile correctional facility or
 6 juvenile detention center in the county, but if no facility exists,
 7 one (1) mental health representative chosen by the judge
 8 described in subdivision (5);
 9 (11) a representative from the Juvenile Detention Alternatives
 10 Initiative, but if no program exists, a representative from the
 11 court appointed special advocate program in the county or
 12 guardian ad litem program in the county; and
 13 (12) the following members appointed by the county executive
 14 or, in a county having a consolidated city, by the city-county
 15 council:
 16 (A) One (1) member of the county fiscal body or the
 17 member's designee.
 18 (B) One (1) probation officer.
 19 (C) One (1) juvenile probation officer.
 20 (D) One (1) educational administrator.
 21 (E) One (1) representative of a private correctional agency,
 22 if such an agency exists in the county.
 23 (F) One (1) mental health administrator, or, if there is none
 24 available in the county, one (1) psychiatrist, psychologist,
 25 or physician.
 26 (G) Four (4) lay persons, at least one (1) of whom must be
 27 a member of a minority race if a racial minority resides in
 28 the county and a member of that minority is willing to serve.
 29 (b) Designees of officials designated under subsection (a)(1)
 30 through (a)(6), (a)(9), and (a)(12)(A) serve at the pleasure of the
 31 designating official.
 32 (c) Members of the advisory board appointed by the county
 33 executive or, in a county having a consolidated city, by the city-county
 34 council, shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years. **In addition,**
 35 **members appointed by the county executive of a county that does**
 36 **not contain a consolidated city under this section serve at the**
 37 **pleasure of the county executive.** The criminal defense attorney, the
 38 ex-offender, and the victim or victim advocate shall be appointed for
 39 a term of four (4) years. Other members serve only while holding the
 40 office or position held at the time of appointment. The circuit court
 41 judge may fill the position of the judge having juvenile court
 42 jurisdiction by self appointment if the circuit court judge is otherwise

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1 qualified. A vacancy occurring before the expiration of the term of
 2 office shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments for
 3 the unexpired term. Members may be reappointed.

4 (d) Two (2) or more counties, by resolution of their county
 5 executives or, in a county having a consolidated city, by the city-county
 6 council, may combine to apply for financial aid under this chapter. If
 7 counties so combine, the counties may establish one (1) community
 8 corrections advisory board to serve these counties. This board must
 9 contain the representation prescribed in subsection (a), but the
 10 members may come from the participating counties as determined by
 11 agreement of the county executives or, in a county having a
 12 consolidated city, by the city-county council.

13 (e) The members of the community corrections advisory board
 14 shall, within thirty (30) days after the last initial appointment is made,
 15 meet and elect one (1) member as chairman and another as vice
 16 chairman and appoint a secretary-treasurer who need not be a member.
 17 A majority of the members of a community corrections advisory board
 18 may provide for a number of members that is:

19 (1) less than a majority of the members; and
 20 (2) at least six (6);

21 to constitute a quorum for purposes of transacting business. The
 22 affirmative votes of at least five (5) members, but not less than a
 23 majority of the members present, are required for the board to take
 24 action. A vacancy in the membership does not impair the right of a
 25 quorum to transact business.

26 (f) The county executive and county fiscal body shall provide
 27 necessary assistance and appropriations to the community corrections
 28 advisory board established for that county. Appropriations required
 29 under this subsection are limited to amounts received from the
 30 following sources:

31 (1) Department grants.
 32 (2) User fees.
 33 (3) Other funds as contained within an approved plan.

34 Additional funds may be appropriated as determined by the county
 35 executive and county fiscal body.

36 SECTION 4. IC 16-20-2-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 37 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. **(a) A member of a**
38 local board of health appointed by a county executive of a county
39 that does not contain a consolidated city serves at the pleasure of
40 the county executive.

41 **(b) In addition, any A member of a local board of health may be**
 42 **removed by the board member's appointing authority if the board**

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1 member does any of the following:

2 (1) Is absent from three (3) consecutive regular board meetings.

3 (2) Is absent from four (4) regular board meetings during a

4 calendar year.

5 (3) Fails to perform the statutory duties of the office.

6 SECTION 5. IC 16-23-1-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS

7 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9. (a) The directors

8 shall be appointed on the third Monday of January.

9 (b) The initial terms of the governing board are as follows:

10 (1) Two (2) members for one (1) year.

11 (2) Two (2) members for two (2) years.

12 (3) One (1) member for three (3) years.

13 (4) Two (2) members for four (4) years.

14 (c) Each subsequent term is for four (4) years.

15 (d) The term of each member begins February 1 in the year of

16 appointment at the expiration of the member's predecessor's term and

17 continues four (4) years and until a successor is appointed and

18 qualified. However, an interim member chosen to fill a vacancy begins

19 tenure at the time specified in the member's certificate of appointment

20 and serves the unexpired term of the member the interim member

21 succeeds. **The member serves at the pleasure of the member's**

22 **appointing authority.**

23 SECTION 6. IC 33-40-7-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.111-2024,

24 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE

25 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) A county executive may adopt an ordinance

26 establishing a county public defender board consisting of three (3)

27 members. The county executive shall appoint one (1) member. The

28 judges who exercise felony or juvenile jurisdiction in the county shall

29 appoint by majority vote one (1) member. The Indiana commission on

30 court appointed attorneys shall appoint one (1) member who must be

31 a resident of the county or region managing the public defender's

32 office.

33 (b) The members must be persons who have demonstrated an

34 interest in high quality legal representation for indigent persons.

35 However, a member may not be:

36 (1) a city, town, or county attorney;

37 (2) a law enforcement officer;

38 (3) a judge;

39 (4) a court employee;

40 (5) an attorney who provides representation to indigent persons

41 in the county or region managed by the public defender board;

42 (6) an employee of the department of child services; or

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15 (d) The members shall, by a majority vote, elect one (1) member
16 to serve as chairperson.

19 (1) chairperson; or
20 (2) other two (2) members.

24 SECTION 7. IC 33-40-7-3.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.111-2024,
25 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
26 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3.5. (a) A county executive may adopt an
27 ordinance allowing the county to enter into an interlocal agreement (as
28 described in IC 36-1-7-3) with one (1) or more counties for the purpose
29 of:

(1) creating a multicounty public defender's office; and
(2) providing legal defense services to indigent persons located in the counties served by the multicounty public defender's office.

34 (b) An agreement described in subsection (a) shall:

35 (1) require any created multicounty public defender's office to be
36 administered by a joint board (as described in
37 IC 36-1-7-3(a)(5)(B)); and

38 (2) delegate, to an auditor of one (1) of the constituent counties
39 comprising the multicounty public defender's office, the duty to
40 receive, disburse, and account for all monies distributed to the
41 multicounty public defender's office.

42 (c) Notwithstanding any guidelines and standards adopted by the

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1 Indiana commission on court appointed attorneys under IC 33-40-5-4,
 2 the members of a joint board shall be persons who have demonstrated
 3 an interest in high quality legal representation for indigent persons.

4 (d) Notwithstanding any other law or provision, a member of the
 5 joint board may not be:

- 6 (1) a city, town, or county attorney;
- 7 (2) a law enforcement officer;
- 8 (3) a judge;
- 9 (4) a court employee;
- 10 (5) an employee of the department of child services;
- 11 (6) an attorney who provides representation to indigent persons
 in one (1) or more of the counties served by the multicounty
 public defender's office being administered by the joint board; or
- 12 (7) an employee of any individuals described in subdivisions (1)
 through (6).

13 (e) Each member of the joint board shall serve a three (3) year
 14 term that begins on the date of the member's appointment to the joint
 15 board. **Each member serves at the pleasure of the member's
 16 appointing authority.**

17 (f) A member appointed to the joint board for the purpose of filling
 18 a vacancy shall serve a term limited to the duration of the previous
 19 member's term.

20 (g) If a successor has not been appointed before the end of a
 21 member's three (3) year term, the current member of the joint board
 22 shall continue the member's service until the member's successor:

- 23 (1) has been appointed; and
- 24 (2) is able to begin the member's term.

25 (h) The members shall, by a majority vote, elect one (1) member
 26 to serve as a chairperson.

27 (i) The joint board shall meet on a quarterly basis. The joint board
 28 may convene additional meetings upon the request of:

- 29 (1) the chairperson; or
- 30 (2) two (2) serving members of the joint board.

31 SECTION 8. IC 36-1-8.5-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.238-2025,
 32 SECTION 90, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 33 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "covered person"
 34 means any of the following:

- 35 (1) A judge.
- 36 (2) A law enforcement officer.
- 37 (3) An address confidentiality program participant.
- 38 (4) A public official.
- 39 (5) The surviving spouse of a person described in subdivision

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(11) (12) Any person who resides in the same household as a person described in this section.

11 SECTION 9. IC 36-1-8.5-4.4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
12 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
13 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 4.4. As used in this chapter,**
14 **"public defender"** means an individual who is any of the following:

15 **(1) An individual employed full time by a county as a public**
16 **defender.**

23 (5) A chief public defender.

24 SECTION 10. IC 36-2-2-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.127-2017,
25 SECTION 20, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
26 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 14. (a) The executive may appoint a county
27 administrator to be the administrative head of the county under the
28 supervision of the executive and to hold office at the pleasure of the

supervision of the executive and to hold office at the pleasure of the executive. The executive may assign any office, position, or duties under its control to the administrator, and may by resolution withdraw any of the powers and duties assigned.

32 (b) Under the supervision of the executive and with its express
33 authorization by resolution, the administrator may:
34 (i) maintain, develop, improve, or expand facilities and

34 (1) assist in the administration and enforcement of policies and
35 resolutions of the executive;

36 (2) supervise activities of county government subject to the
37 control of the executive;

38 (3) attend meetings of the executive;
39 (4) recommend measures for adoption to the executive;

40 (5) prepare and submit reports that the administrator considers
41 advisable or that the executive requires;

42 (6) keep the executive fully advised on the financial condition of

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5 (c) If the administrator is absent from the administrator's office
6 due to illness, death, vacation, resignation, or removal, the president of
7 the executive, if any, or a qualified person appointed by the executive
8 shall act as administrator until the administrator returns to the
9 administrator's duties or the executive appoints a new administrator.

13 SECTION 11. IC 36-2-21 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
14 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
15 JULY 1, 2026]:

16 **Chapter 21. County Personnel Policy and Evaluation** 17 **Standards**

18 Sec. 1. This chapter does not apply to:

21 (A) of a probation department;
22 (B) of a court;
23 (C) of a judicial officer (as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-177.7)
24 or other circuit officers;
25 (D) of a prosecutor's office;
26 (E) of a public defender's office;
27 (F) of a community corrections program;
28 (G) governed by a merit board established under
29 IC 36-8-3.5 or IC 36-8-10-3; or
30 (H) of the state.

31 **Sec. 2. (a) Each county executive, in coordination with the**
32 **county fiscal body if applicable, shall adopt and maintain a written**
33 **personnel policy, employee handbook, or equivalent document**
34 **establishing minimum standards for county employee conduct and**
35 **applicable county policies.**

41 **Sec. 3. Results of evaluations shall be maintained as part of the**
42 **employee's personnel record in accordance with county policy.**

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1 **Sec. 4. An elected county officer or their designee retains**
 2 **responsibility for and authority over final disciplinary decisions for**
 3 **employees under the officer's supervision, unless otherwise**
 4 **permitted or required by state law.**

5 **Sec. 5. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to diminish**
 6 **or infringe upon the statutory authority, autonomy, or**
 7 **constitutional duties of:**

- 8 **(1) a county executive;**
- 9 **(2) a county fiscal body;**
- 10 **(3) an elected county officer (as defined in IC 36-2-2.9-3);**
- 11 **(4) a judicial officer (as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-177.7), other**
 12 **circuit officers, or employees of a judicial or circuit officer;**
- 13 **(5) a prosecutor's office;**
- 14 **(6) a public defender's office;**
- 15 **(7) a community corrections advisory board established**
 16 **under IC 11-12-2-2; or**
- 17 **(8) a merit board established under IC 36-8-3.5 or**
 18 **IC 36-8-10-3.**

19 SECTION 12. IC 36-4-9-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.141-2009,
 20 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 21 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) This section applies only to second class
 22 cities.

23 (b) The city executive shall appoint:

- 24 **(1) a city controller;**
- 25 **(2) a city civil engineer;**
- 26 **(3) a corporation counsel;**
- 27 **(4) a chief of the fire department;**
- 28 **(5) a chief of the police department; and**
- 29 **(6) other officers, employees, boards, and commissions required**
 30 **by statute.**

31 (c) The board of public works and safety may be composed of
 32 three (3) members or five (5) members appointed by the executive. A
 33 **member serves at the pleasure of the executive.** A member may hold
 34 other appointive positions in city government during the member's
 35 tenure. IC 36-4-11-2 applies to board member appointments under this
 36 section. The executive shall appoint a clerk for the board.

37 (d) If the board of public works and board of public safety are
 38 established as separate boards, each board may be composed of three
 39 (3) members or five (5) members who are appointed by the executive.
 40 A member may hold other appointive positions in city government
 41 during the member's tenure. The executive shall appoint a clerk for
 42 each board.

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1 (e) If the executive:

(1) increases the number of members of a board of public works and safety, a board of public works, or a board of public safety from three (3) to five (5) members; or

(2) decreases the number of members of a board of public works and safety, a board of public works, or a board of public safety from five (5) to three (3) members;

8 the city shall publish notice under IC 5-3-1 of the increase or decrease
9 in members and state the total number of members appointed to the
10 board.

11 SECTION 13. IC 36-4-9-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.33-2010,
12 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
13 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) This section applies only to third class
14 cities.

15 (b) The city executive shall appoint:

(1) a city civil engineer;

(2) a city attorney;

(3) a chief of the fire department;

(4) a chief of the police department; and

(5) other officers, employees, boards, and commissions required by statute.

(c) The board of public works

5) members (as determined by the city executive). The members of the board of public works and safety are:

- (1) the city executive; and

26 (2) two (2) or four (4) persons appointed by the executive.
27 **A member appointed by the executive serves at the pleasure of the**
28 **executive.** If the executive increases the number of board members
29 from three (3) to five (5) members or decreases the number of board
30 members from five (5) to three (3) members, the city shall publish
31 notice under IC 5-3-1 of the increase or decrease in members and state
32 the total number of members appointed to the board. IC 36-4-4-2
33 notwithstanding, a member may hold other appointive or elective
34 positions in city government during the member's tenure. IC 36-4-11-2
35 applies to board member appointments under this section. The city
36 clerk is the clerk of the board

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37 (d) If the city legislative body adopts an ordinance under
38 IC 36-4-12 to employ a city manager, the executive may appoint the
39 city manager to a position on the board of public works and safety in
40 place of the executive.

41 (e) The city executive may appoint a public safety director to:

42 (1) serve as the chief administrative officer of; and

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4 SECTION 14. IC 36-7-4-218, AS AMENDED BY P.L.127-2017,
5 SECTION 171, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
6 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 218. (a) When an initial term of
7 office of a citizen member expires, each new appointment of a citizen
8 member is:

16 A member serves until the member's successor is appointed and
17 qualified. A member is eligible for reappointment.

21 (1) One (1) for a term of two (2) years.

22 (2) Two (2) for a term of three (3) years.

23 (3) Two (2) for a term of four (4) years.

Upon the establishment of a seven (7) member municipal plan commission, two (2) citizen members shall initially be appointed for a term of three (3) years and two (2) shall initially be appointed for a term of four (4) years. Each member's term expires on the first Monday of January of the second, third, or fourth year, respectively, after the year of the member's appointment.

33 (1) One (1) for a term of one (1) year.

34 (2) One (1) for a term of two (2) years.

35 (3) One (1) for a term of three (3) years.

36 (4) Two (2) for a term of four (4) years.

37 Each member's term expires on the first Monday of January of the first,
38 second, third, or fourth year, respectively, after the year of the
39 member's appointment.

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1 (1) Three (3) for a term of one (1) year, one (1) appointed by the
 2 county legislative body and two (2) by the city executive.

3 (2) Two (2) for a term of two (2) years, one (1) by each
 4 appointing authority.

5 (3) Two (2) for a term of three (3) years, one (1) by each
 6 appointing authority.

7 (e) AREA. If there is one (1) citizen member on the area plan
 8 commission, the member's initial term of office is one (1) year. If there
 9 are two (2) citizen members, one (1) shall be appointed for a term of
 10 one (1) year and one (1) for a term of two (2) years. If there are three
 11 (3) or more citizen members, one (1) shall be appointed for a term of
 12 one (1) year, one (1) for a term of two (2) years, one (1) for a term of
 13 three (3) years, and any remainder for a term of four (4) years. Each
 14 member's term expires on the first Monday of January of the first,
 15 second, third, or fourth year, respectively, after the year of the
 16 member's appointment.

17 (f) ADVISORY-AREA. A member serves on the plan
 18 commission at the pleasure of the member's appointing authority.^f

19 ~~The appointing authority may remove a member from the plan
 20 commission for cause. The appointing authority must mail notice of the
 21 removal, along with written reasons for the removal, to the member at
 22 the member's residence address. A member who is removed may,
 23 within thirty (30) days after receiving notice of the removal, appeal the
 24 removal to the circuit or superior court of the county. The court may,
 25 pending the outcome of the appeal, order the removal or stay the
 26 removal of the member.~~

27 (g) METRO. The appointing authority may remove a citizen
 28 member from the metropolitan development commission. The
 29 appointing authority must mail notice of the removal, along with
 30 written reasons, if any, for the removal, to the member at the member's
 31 residence address. A member who is removed may not appeal the
 32 removal to a court or otherwise.

33 SECTION 15. IC 36-7-4-906, AS AMENDED BY P.L.127-2017,
 34 SECTION 175, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 35 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 906. (a) ADVISORY-AREA.
 36 When an initial term of office expires, each new appointment is for a
 37 term of four (4) years.

38 (b) ADVISORY-AREA. Upon the establishment of a division of
 39 the board of zoning appeals, the members shall initially be appointed
 40 as provided in the zoning ordinance for the following terms of office:

41 (1) One (1) for a term of one (1) year.

42 (2) One (1) for a term of two (2) years.

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11 (g) A member of a board of zoning appeals serves until the
22 member's successor is appointed and qualified. A member is eligible
23 for reappointment.
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25 SECTION 16. IC 36-7-12-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.127-2017,
26 SECTION 196, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
27 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 14. **(a) This subsection applies to**
28 **an economic development commission established under section 8**
29 **of this chapter.** An economic development commissioner may be
30 removed from office for neglect of duty, incompetency, inability to
31 perform the commissioner's duties, or any other good cause, by the
32 executive or fiscal body that selected or nominated the commissioner.
33 The commissioner removed may obtain judicial review of the removal
34 by filing a complaint in a circuit or superior court in the county, and the
35 burden of proof is upon the executive or fiscal body that removed the
36 commissioner. The cause shall be placed on the advanced calendar and
37 be tried as other civil causes are tried by the court, without a jury. The
38 court's judgment may be appealed in the same manner as any civil
39 action.

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1 **member's appointing authority.**

2 SECTION 17. IC 36-7-14.5-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 3 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) The board is
 4 composed of three (3) members, who must be residents of the unit
 5 appointed by the executive of the unit.

6 (b) A member is entitled to serve a three (3) year term. A member
 7 may be reappointed to subsequent terms.

8 (c) If a vacancy occurs on the board, the executive of the unit shall
 9 fill the vacancy by appointing a new member for the remainder of the
 10 vacated term.

11 (d) A board member:

12 **(1) for a board established in a county containing a
 13 consolidated city, may be removed for cause by the executive
 14 of the unit; and**

15 **(2) for a board established in a county that does not contain
 16 a consolidated city, serves at the pleasure of the executive.**

17 (e) Each member, before entering upon the duties of office, must
 18 take and subscribe an oath of office under IC 5-4-1, which shall be
 19 endorsed upon the certificate of appointment and filed with the records
 20 of the board.

21 (f) A member may not receive a salary, and no profit or money of
 22 the authority inures to the benefit of a member.

23 [SECTION 18. IC 36-8-9-3.1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 24 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3.1. (a) An ordinance
 25 adopted under section 2 of this chapter must provide as follows:

26 (1) The board must consist of either of the following number
 27 of members:

28 (A) Three (3) members. If the ordinance provides for a three
 29 (3) member board, not more than two (2) board members
 30 may be members of the same political party, if individuals
 31 who satisfy this requirement can be found to serve on the
 32 board.

33 (B) Five (5) members. If the ordinance provides for a five
 34 (5) member board, not more than three (3) board members
 35 may be members of the same political party, if individuals
 36 who satisfy this requirement can be found to serve on the
 37 board.

38 (2) Each board member must be a resident of the town.

39 (3) The town legislative body shall appoint each board member.

40 (4) Except as provided in subdivision (5), the term of each board
 41 member expires January 1 of the third year after the member's
 42 appointment.

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16 (2) The ordinance must provide either of the following:

(B) That a board member may continue to serve until the end of the board member's term even if the board member vacates the member's position on the town legislative body.

(3) A board member who is also a member of the town legislative body may not receive compensation as a board member provided under subsection (a).

25 member provided under subsection (g).
26 (4) A board member who is also a member of the town
27 legislative body is not required to post the bond required by
28 subsection (3).

which the town is located.

(d) This subsection applies to all board members. Before performing any function of a board member, an individual shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation:

(1) before the circuit court clerk of the county in which the town is located; or

41 political subdivision (as defined in IC 36-1.5-2-7);
42 that, in each appointment or removal made by the board to or from the

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1 town police department under this chapter, the board member will not
 2 appoint or remove a member of the town police department because of
 3 the political affiliation of the person or for another cause or reason
 4 other than that of the fitness of the person.

5 (e) The circuit court clerk shall file oaths and affirmations required
 6 by this section among the circuit court clerk's records.

7 (f) This subsection does not apply to a board member who is a
 8 member of the town legislative body. A board member shall give bond
 9 in the penal sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), payable to the state
 10 and conditioned upon the faithful and honest discharge of the member's
 11 duties. The bond must be approved by the town legislative body.

12 (g) The town legislative body shall fix the salary of board
 13 members who are not members of the town legislative body. A board
 14 member's salary is payable monthly out of the town treasury.

15 (h) If the board has three (3) members, the town legislative body
 16 may amend the ordinance at any time to increase the number of board
 17 members to five (5). The amended ordinance and the appointment of
 18 board members must satisfy all the requirements of subsection (a).

19 (i) A board established in compliance with section 3 of this
 20 chapter (before its repeal) is considered a board established under this
 21 section. A town legislative body may amend an ordinance adopted in
 22 compliance with section 3 of this chapter (before its repeal) as provided
 23 in this section.

24 1 SECTION 1~~8~~[9]. IC 36-9-13-18, AS AMENDED BY
 25 P.L.127-2017, SECTION 309, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 26 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 18. (a) A trustee
 27 appointed by a county executive of a county that does not contain
 28 a consolidated city serves at the pleasure of the county executive.

29 (a) This subsection does not apply to a trustee appointed by
 30 a county executive of a county that does not contain a consolidated
 31 city. A person seeking the removal of a trustee for:

- 32 (1) neglect of duty;
- 33 (2) incompetence;
- 34 (3) inability to perform the trustee's duties; or
- 35 (4) any other good cause;

36 may file a complaint in the circuit or superior court for the county in
 37 which the building authority is located. The complaint must set forth
 38 the charges preferred. The action shall be placed on the court's
 39 advanced calendar, and the court shall try the action in the same
 40 manner as other civil cases, without a jury. If the charges are sustained,
 41 the court shall declare the trustee's office vacant.

42 (b) The trustees may summarily remove a director from office

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1 at any time.

2 SECTION ~~19~~²⁰. IC 36-9-27-5, AS AMENDED BY
 3 P.L.278-2019, SECTION 194, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 4 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) Except in a
 5 county having a consolidated city or as provided in subsection (d), the
 6 drainage board consists of either:

7 (1) the county executive; or

8 (2) three (3) or five (5) persons, at least one (1) of whom must be
 9 a member of the executive, appointed by the executive;

10 at the option of the executive. Appointees under subdivision (2) must
 11 be resident freeholders of the county who are knowledgeable in
 12 drainage matters. Freeholders appointed to the board serve for terms of
 13 three (3) years, with their initial appointments made so as to provide for
 14 staggering of terms on an annual basis. In addition, the county surveyor
 15 serves on the board as an ex officio, nonvoting member. **If a member**
 16 **is appointed by a county executive of a county that does not contain**
 17 **a consolidated city under subdivision (2) who is not a member of**
 18 **the executive, the member serves at the pleasure of the county**
 19 **executive.**

20 (b) In a county having a consolidated city, the board of public
 21 works of the consolidated city comprises the drainage board, subject to
 22 IC 36-3-4-23.

23 (c) In a county having a consolidated city, the department of public
 24 works of the consolidated city has all the powers, duties, and
 25 responsibilities of the county surveyor under this chapter, subject to
 26 IC 36-3-4-23.

27 SECTION ~~2~~¹¹. IC 36-10-3-6, AS AMENDED BY
 28 P.L.127-2017, SECTION 377, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 29 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. A member **may be**
 30 **removed only for cause, upon specific written charges filed against the**
 31 **member. The charges shall be filed with and heard by the appointing**
 32 **authority, unless the appointing authority is bringing the charges. If the**
 33 **appointing authority is bringing the charges, the unit's fiscal body shall**
 34 **appoint a hearing officer. The person to hear the charges shall fix a date**
 35 **for a public hearing and give public notice at least ten (10) days in**
 36 **advance of the hearing. At the hearing the member is entitled to present**
 37 **evidence and argument and to be represented by counsel. appointed to**
 38 **a board under this chapter serves at the pleasure of the member's**
 39 **appointing authority. If a member is removed by the member's**
 40 **appointing authority, the appointing authority shall fill the vacancy**
 41 **by appointing a new member to serve at the pleasure of the**
 42 **appointing authority for the remainder of the removed member's**

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1 **term.**

2 SECTION 2~~↔~~[2]. IC 36-10-3-11 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
3 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. (a) The board may:

- 4 (1) **subject to subsection (d)**, enter into contracts and leases for
5 facilities and services;
- 6 (2) contract with persons for joint use of facilities for the
7 operation of park and recreation programs and related services;
- 8 (3) contract with another board, a unit, or a school corporation
9 for the use of park and recreation facilities or services, and a
10 township or school corporation may contract with the board for
11 the use of park and recreation facilities or services;
- 12 (4) **subject to subsection (d)**, acquire and dispose of real and
13 personal property, either within or outside Indiana;
- 14 (5) **subject to subsection (d)**, exercise the power of eminent
15 domain under statutes available to municipalities;
- 16 (6) sell, lease, or enter into a royalty contract for the natural or
17 mineral resources of land that it owns, the money received to be
18 deposited in a nonreverting capital fund of the board;
- 19 (7) engage in self-supporting activities as prescribed by section
20 22 of this chapter;
- 21 (8) contract for special and temporary services and for
22 professional assistance;
- 23 (9) delegate authority to perform ministerial acts in all cases
24 except where final action of the board is necessary;
- 25 (10) prepare, publish, and distribute reports and other materials
26 relating to activities authorized by this chapter;
- 27 (11) sue and be sued collectively by its legal name, as the
28 "_____ (unit's name) Park and Recreation Board", with
29 service of process being had upon the president of the board, but
30 costs may not be taxed against the board or its members in any
31 action;
- 32 (12) invoke any legal, equitable, or special remedy for the
33 enforcement of this chapter, a park or recreation ordinance, or
34 the board's own action taken under either; and
- 35 (13) release and transfer, by resolution, a part of the area over
36 which it has jurisdiction for park and recreational purposes to
37 park authorities of another unit for park and recreational
38 purposes upon petition of the park or recreation board of the
39 acquiring unit.
- 40 (b) The board may also lease any buildings or grounds belonging
41 to the unit and located within a park to a person for a period not to
42 exceed fifty (50) years. The lease may authorize the lessee to provide

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1 upon the premises educational, research, veterinary, or other proper
 2 facilities for the exhibition of wild or domestic animals in wildlife
 3 parks, dining facilities, swimming facilities, golf courses, skating
 4 facilities, dancing facilities, amusement rides generally found in
 5 amusement parks, or other recreational facilities. A lease may be made
 6 for more than one (1) year only to the highest and best bidder, after
 7 notice that the lease will be made has been given by publication in
 8 accordance with IC 5-3-1.

9 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b), the board may lease buildings
 10 or grounds belonging to the unit for a period of more than one (1) year
 11 without soliciting the highest and best bidder or providing notice under
 12 IC 5-3-1 if:

- 13 (1) the buildings or grounds are leased to an Indiana nonprofit
 14 corporation;
- 15 (2) the buildings or grounds are operated as a public golf course;
 16 and
- 17 (3) the golf course remains subject to rules and regulations
 18 promulgated by the board.

19 (d) **This subsection applies after June 30, 2026. Except as
 20 otherwise provided by this subsection, before the board may:**

- 21 (1) exercise the power of eminent domain under subsection
 22 (a)(5);
- 23 (2) enter into a contract under subsection (a)(1) with a total
 24 cost exceeding the lesser of:

- (A) five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000); or
- (B) ten percent (10%) of the department's annual
 budget;

25 (3) acquire real or personal property under subsection (a)(4)
 26 with a total cost exceeding the lesser of:

- (A) five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000); or
- (B) ten percent (10%) of the department's annual
 budget; or

33 (4) approve capital improvements to park facilities or
 34 property with a total cost exceeding the lesser of:

- (A) five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000); or
- (B) ten percent (10%) of the department's annual
 budget;

38 **the board must obtain approval by the executive of each applicable
 39 unit that established the department under this chapter. The board
 40 shall provide the applicable unit executive a description of the cost
 41 of the service, property, or capital improvement described in
 42 subdivisions (1) through (4) and a description of the manner in**

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which the cost will be paid by the board or department.

SECTION 2-~~3~~ [3]. IC 36-10-4-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) By February 1 each year, the executive shall appoint a commissioner to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of a term. Each commissioner appointed holds office for a term of four (4) years, beginning with January 1 in the year of appointment. If a vacancy occurs on the board, the executive shall appoint a commissioner for the remainder of the term.

(b) A commissioner may not be removed from office except upon charges preferred in writing before the executive, with a hearing held on them. If the executive is bringing the charges, the fiscal body shall appoint a hearing officer. The only permissible reasons for removal are as follows: serves at the pleasure of the executive. If a commissioner is removed by the executive, the commissioner appointed to replace the removed commissioner serves at the pleasure of the executive for the remainder of the removed commissioner's term.

- (1) Inefficiency.
- (2) Neglect of duty.
- (3) Malfeasance in office.

SECTION 2~~4~~4. IC 36-10-5-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.277-2019, SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) This section applies to:

- (1) third class cities and towns, unless otherwise provided by law; and
- (2) such other and further localities as the Governor may by order designate.

(2) each second class city that:

- (A) adopted second class city status by ordinance under IC 36-4-1-1.1, as a result of the 2010 federal decennial census; and
- (B) has adopted all or part of this section by ordinance or resolution.

(b) As used in this section, "park authority" means:

(1) the municipal legislative body; or

(2) any of the following designated by the legislative body as the park authority:

(A) The governing body of the school corporation.

(B) A recreation board.

(C) The municipal works board.

(D) Any other appropriate board or commission.

(c) If a recreation board is established under subsection (b)(2)(B), it must consist of five (5) resident freeholders appointed by the city

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1 executive or the town legislative body. At least one (1) member must
2 be a member of the governing body of the school corporation and no
3 members may serve on the municipal legislative body. All members
4 must be qualified by an interest in and knowledge of the social and
5 educational value of recreation. The members serve without
6 compensation. The members shall be appointed for four (4) year terms
7 from January 1 of the year of their appointment or until their successors
8 are appointed. The initial terms of board members, however, are as
9 follows:

- 10 (1) One (1) for a term of one (1) year.
- 11 (2) One (1) for a term of two (2) years.
- 12 (3) One (1) for a term of three (3) years.
- 13 (4) Two (2) for terms of four (4) years.

14 **A member serves at the pleasure of the member's appointing**
15 **authority.** A vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority for the
16 remainder of the unexpired term.

31 (f) The park authority may adopt rules concerning the laying out,
32 improvement, preservation, ornamentation, and management of parks.
33 The park authority shall allow monuments or buildings for libraries,
34 works of art, or historical collections to be erected in a park, as long as
35 they are under the control of the persons in charge of the park and no
36 inclosure separates them from the rest of the park.

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1 purchase or improvement of parks. The legislative body shall annually
 2 levy a tax sufficient to pay the interest on the debt on all taxable
 3 property in the municipality to create a sinking fund for the liquidation
 4 of the principal of the debt.

5 (h) If the park authority of a city decides to lease any buildings or
 6 grounds belonging to the city and located in a public park when they
 7 are not required for public use, the proceeds shall be deposited with the
 8 city fiscal officer to the credit of park funds and devoted to the
 9 improvement of public parks.

10 (i) Any nonreverting fund that was created under IC 19-7-6 (before
 11 its repeal on September 1, 1981) continues until abolished by ordinance
 12 of the municipal legislative body. The legislative body may include in
 13 the park authority's annual budget an item and an appropriation for the
 14 specific purposes of a nonreverting capital fund. Money put in the fund
 15 may not be withdrawn except for the purposes for which the fund was
 16 created, unless the legislative body repeals the ordinance creating the
 17 fund. The repeal may not be made under suspension of the rules.
 18 Money procured from fees shall be deposited at least once each month
 19 with the municipal fiscal officer. The fiscal officer shall deposit the
 20 money either in a special nonreverting operating fund or in the
 21 nonreverting capital fund as directed by the park authority. The
 22 legislative body may provide by ordinance that expenditures may be
 23 made from the special nonreverting operating fund without
 24 appropriation. Money from fees procured from golf courses, swimming
 25 pools, skating rinks, or other similar facilities requiring major
 26 expenditures for management and maintenance may not be deposited
 27 in this fund. Money from either fund shall be disbursed only on
 28 approved claims that are allowed and signed in the same manner as
 29 other claims of the municipality are allowed and signed.

30 SECTION 2~~4~~⁵, IC 36-10-5-5, AS AMENDED BY
 31 P.L.104-2022, SECTION 220, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 32 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) This section
 33 applies to a municipality that:

34 (1) has a population of more than twenty-five thousand (25,000);
 35 and
 36 (2) is located in a county having a population of more than three
 37 hundred thousand (300,000) and less than three hundred fifty
 38 thousand (350,000).

39 (b) A municipal board consists of four (4) members appointed by
 40 the executive of the municipality. **Members serve at the pleasure of**
 41 **the executive of the municipality.** A member shall be appointed on
 42 the basis of the member's interest in and knowledge of parks and

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1 recreation. The members may include the executive of the municipality
 2 and one (1) or more members of the municipal fiscal body. The
 3 ordinance creating a municipal board governed by this section may
 4 provide for one (1) or two (2) ex officio members.

5 SECTION 2~~5~~6. IC 36-10-6-2, AS AMENDED BY
 6 P.L.127-2017, SECTION 385, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 7 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) This section
 8 applies to all counties.

9 (b) As used in this section, "board" refers to an area park board
 10 established under this chapter.

11 (c) As used in this section, "district" refers to an area park district
 12 established under this chapter.

13 (d) Two (2) or more counties may establish an area park district
 14 for the purposes of establishing, owning, maintaining, and controlling
 15 one (1) or more public parks for the use and benefit of the residents of
 16 those counties. To establish a district, the legislative body of each
 17 county desiring to join shall adopt substantially identical ordinances
 18 indicating this intention. Before the ordinances take effect, they must
 19 be published in their respective counties in accordance with IC 5-3-1.
 20 Within ten (10) days after the publication of the ordinance, the auditor
 21 of each county shall file a certified copy of the ordinance with the
 22 auditor of each of the other counties involved. When the ordinances
 23 have been adopted and filed by all the counties joining, the district is
 24 considered established. All of the territory of the counties joining
 25 comprises the district.

26 (e) Within ten (10) days after the publication of the ordinance, any
 27 registered voter may notify the legislative body of the voter's intent to
 28 file a remonstrance petition. Within sixty (60) days after this notice,
 29 petitions for and against the county's joining in the proposed district
 30 may be filed with the legislative body. The petitions must be signed
 31 and acknowledged by registered voters of the county. The petition that
 32 contains the greater number of signatures prevails.

33 (f) Within thirty (30) days after the establishment of the district,
 34 the legislative body of each county joining shall appoint members to
 35 the area park board. Each county may appoint one (1) member to the
 36 board. In addition, each county may appoint an additional member for
 37 each fifty thousand (50,000) residents or fraction thereof of that
 38 county's population. Each member must be a resident of the county
 39 from which the member is appointed, and at least one (1) member from
 40 each county must be an elected official of that county. Members serve
 41 for terms of four (4) years and may be reappointed. **A member serves**
 42 **at the pleasure of the member's appointing authority.** Vacancies

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1 shall be filled by the appointing authority for the unexpired term of the
 2 vacating member.

3 (g) The board shall meet within thirty (30) days after the
 4 appointment of all members. Notice of the meeting shall be given by
 5 the auditor of the county that passed the first ordinance to establish the
 6 district. At the meeting the board shall elect one (1) of its members
 7 chair and one (1) secretary and shall adopt rules of order that it
 8 considers necessary. The board shall then meet at times and places that
 9 it determines. Members serve on the board without compensation.
 10 However, all members except the elected official members are entitled
 11 to receive a per diem and mileage for time spent in the performance of
 12 their duties.

13 (h) Except as provided in subsection (i), the board has all of the
 14 powers of a board under IC 36-10-3 except the power of eminent
 15 domain.

16 (i) The board may levy a tax for the establishment, purchase,
 17 maintenance, and control of the parks established and controlled by the
 18 board, but the tax may not exceed one and sixty-seven hundredths cents
 19 (\$0.0167) for each one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed valuation of
 20 property in the district. When the board determines the rate of the levy,
 21 the board shall certify it to each county auditor. The levy shall then be
 22 placed upon the tax duplicate of each county in the district, and the tax
 23 shall be collected in the same manner as other taxes are collected. All
 24 money received for the district shall be paid into the treasury of the
 25 county with the greatest population. The money shall be deposited and
 26 kept as other public funds are deposited and kept, and interest earned
 27 on the money shall be credited to the area park fund. Money may be
 28 paid out by the treasurer only upon the written order of the board.

29 (j) A county may withdraw from a district only upon a two-thirds
 30 (2/3) vote of its legislative body. If a county decides to withdraw from
 31 a district, the date of withdrawal must be effective on January 1 of a
 32 year at least one (1) year after the date upon which the county voted to
 33 withdraw.

34 SECTION 2~~6~~[7]. IC 36-10-8-4, AS AMENDED BY
 35 P.L.229-2011, SECTION 267, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 36 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) The board is
 37 composed of seven (7) members.

38 (b) The county executive shall determine in the creating ordinance
 39 which units within the county shall make appointments to the board. In
 40 addition, the creating ordinance must provide that no more than four
 41 (4) of the members be affiliated with the same political party. The
 42 creating ordinance must also provide staggered terms for the

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1 appointments.

(c) Notwithstanding subsection (b), if a board was created under IC 18-7-18 (before its repeal on February 24, 1982), three (3) members shall be appointed by the executive of the second class city and three (3) members shall be appointed by the executive of the county. Those members shall select the seventh member, who serves as president. One (1) of the members appointed by the city executive must be engaged in the hospitality industry in the city. No more than two (2) of the members appointed by the city executive may be affiliated with the same political party and no more than two (2) of the members appointed by the county executive may be affiliated with the same political party. In addition, each member must have been a resident of the county for at least one (1) year immediately preceding the member's appointment. Initial terms of the members are as follows:

21 (3) The seventh member serves for a term ending January 15 of
22 the second year following the appointment.

23 (d) Subsequent terms of members are for two (2) years. All terms
24 begin on January 15. A member serves until a successor is appointed
25 and qualified. A member may be reappointed after the member's term
26 has expired.

30 (f) A board member, **other than a board member appointed by**
31 **the county executive**, may be removed for cause by the appointing
32 authority who appointed the member. **A member appointed by the**
33 **county executive serves at the pleasure of the county executive.**

34 (g) Each member, before entering upon the member's duties, shall
35 take and subscribe an oath of office in the usual form. The oath shall
36 be endorsed upon the member's certificate of appointment. The
37 certificate shall be promptly filed with the records of the board.
38 However, if the board was created under IC 18-7-18 (before its repeal
39 on February 24, 1982), the certificate shall be filed with the clerk of the
40 circuit court of the county in which the board is created.

41 (h) A member may not receive a salary, but is entitled to
42 reimbursement for any expenses necessarily incurred in the

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1 performance of the member's duties.[\[](#)
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