

# HOUSE BILL No. 1214

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 33-39-4-1.

**Synopsis:** Arrest power. Provides that an investigator appointed by a prosecuting attorney has the same police powers within the state if the investigator was previously employed as a law enforcement officer or a federal enforcement officer for at least five years.

**Effective:** July 1, 2026.

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January 5, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

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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 courts and court officers.

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

1       SECTION 1. IC 33-39-4-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.55-2022,  
2       SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3       JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. **(a) As used in this section, "federal**  
4       **enforcement officer" has the meaning set forth in IC 35-31.5-2-129.**

5       **(b) As used in this section, "law enforcement officer" has the**  
6       **meaning set forth in IC 5-2-1-2.**

7       **(c)** The prosecuting attorney of any judicial circuit of Indiana  
8       may appoint an employee, including an investigator, with the approval  
9       of the county council or councils. An employee appointed under this  
10      section works under the direction of the prosecuting attorney.

11      **(d)** An investigator appointed under this section who is not  
12      covered by a crime insurance policy described in IC 5-4-1-20 shall give  
13      bond in the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

14      **(e)** An investigator appointed under this section has the same  
15      police powers:

- 16          **(1)** within the county authorized by law to all police officers; **or**  
17          **(2)** within the state authorized by law to all police officers **if**



1           **the investigator was previously employed for at least five (5)**  
2           **years as:**

3           **(A) a law enforcement officer; or**

4           **(B) a federal enforcement officer.**

5           ~~(d)~~ **(f)** In each judicial circuit the salary or other compensation to be  
6           paid an investigator appointed under this section shall be set by the  
7           county council or councils. A county council or councils may not  
8           reduce the number of investigators or compensation of any investigator  
9           without approval of the prosecuting attorney.

