

HOUSE BILL No. 1243

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 36-9-37-14.

Synopsis: Prepayment of assessment installments. Revises a provision of the municipal Barrett Law to: (1) require a municipal works board to establish a policy to permit an owner of real property in the municipality that has filed a waiver to pay the property owner's assessments in deferred installments to prepay the property owner's assessment; and (2) specify that the policy must allow such a property owner to pay the assessment in full at any time, including within the year in which the waiver is filed to pay assessments in deferred installments, while retaining the provision in current law for payment in full at any time after the expiration of the first year after the filing of the waiver.

Effective: July 1, 2026.

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



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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.

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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 36-9-37-14 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 14. (a) **With respect**
3 **to** a property owner who has secured the right to pay the property
4 owner's assessments in deferred installments by the filing of a waiver,
5 ~~may~~, **the municipal works board shall establish a policy to permit**
6 **an owner of real property in the municipality to prepay the**
7 **property owner's assessment in full by either of the following**
8 **methods:**

9 (1) At any time after the expiration of the first year after the filing,
10 pay the entire balance of the assessment and be relieved of the
11 lien on the property owner's property. A property owner may not
12 pay the property owner's entire balance under this subsection
13 unless at the same time the property owner pays all interest due
14 at the next interest paying period.

15 (2) **At any time, including within the year of the filing, pay the**
16 **entire balance of the assessment and be relieved of the lien on**
17 **the property owner's property. A property owner may not**



1 **pay the property owner's entire balance under this subsection**
2 **unless at the same time the property owner pays all interest**
3 **due at the next interest paying period.**

4 (b) If a person who exercises the right to prepay the person's
5 assessment fully pays the assessment and interest, all interest and
6 liability as to the assessed property ceases.

