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# HOUSE BILL No. 1329

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## DIGEST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Real property assessment task force. Adds representatives with certain categories of expertise to the real property assessment task force.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 2-5-50.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 UPON PASSAGE]:

4 **Chapter 50.1. Real Property Assessment Task Force**

5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "task force" refers to the real**  
6 **property assessment task force established by section 2 of this**  
7 **chapter.**

8 **Sec. 2. The real property assessment task force is established.**

9 **Sec. 3. (a) The task force consists of the following members:**

10 **(1) Two (2) legislative members appointed by the speaker.**  
11 **(2) Two (2) legislative members appointed by the minority**  
12 **leader of the house.**

13 **(3) Two (2) legislative members appointed by the president**  
14 **pro tempore.**

15 **(4) Two (2) legislative members appointed by the minority**  
16 **leader of the senate.**

17 **(5) The following members appointed jointly by the speaker**  
18 **and the president pro tempore upon the recommendation of**  
19 **each represented organization:**

20 **(A) An individual representing the Indiana Association**

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1 of Realtors.

2 (B) An individual representing the ~~Association of~~  
 3 ~~Indiana Counties~~[Farm Bureau].

4 (C) An individual representing the ~~Indiana County~~  
 5 ~~Assessors Association~~.

6 ~~(D) An individual representing Accelerate Indiana~~  
 7 ~~Municipalities~~.

8 ~~(E) An individual representing the Hoosier State~~  
 9 ~~Chapter of the Appraisal Institute~~.

10 ~~(F) Association of Indiana Counties~~.

11 (D) An individual representing the Indiana  
 12 ~~Builders~~[County Assessors] Association.

13 ~~(G) An individual representing the Indiana~~  
 14 ~~Bankers Association~~.

15 [Auditors Association].

16 (F) An individual representing Accelerate Indiana  
 17 Municipalities.

18 (G) An individual representing the Hoosier State  
 19 Chapter of the Appraisal Institute.

20 1 (H) An individual representing the Indiana  
 21 ~~Apartment~~[Builders] Association.

22 (I) An individual representing the Indiana  
 23 ~~Manufactured Housing Association~~.

24 [Bankers Association].

25 (J) An individual representing the Indiana  
 26 Manufacturers Association.

27 (K) An individual representing the Indiana Apartment  
 28 Association.

29 (L) An individual representing the Indiana  
 30 Manufactured Housing Association.

31 (M) An Indiana resident with academic expertise in the  
 32 assessment of property from an accredited higher  
 33 education institution in Indiana on the topics of:

34 (i) the application of Indiana real and personal  
 35 property assessment provisions; and

36 (ii) Indiana local government finance.

37 1 (b) The speaker shall designate a member appointed under  
 38 subsection (a)(1) or (a)(2) as a co-chair of the task force.

39 (c) The president pro tempore shall designate a member  
 40 appointed under subsection (a)(3) or (a)(4) as a co-chair of the task  
 41 force.

42 (d) A vacancy on the task force must be filled by the



1       appointment of a replacement member by the appointing authority  
2       identified in subsection (a).

3       **Sec. 4. (a) A majority of the members of the task force**  
4       **constitutes a quorum.**

5       **(b) The affirmative vote of a majority of the members at a**  
6       **meeting at which a quorum is present is necessary for the task**  
7       **force to take official action, other than to meet and take testimony.**

8       **(c) The task force shall meet at the call of the co-chairs.**

9       **Sec. 5. All meetings of the task force shall be open to the public**  
10      **in accordance with and subject to IC 5-14-1.5. All records of the**  
11      **task force shall be subject to the requirements of IC 5-14-3.**

12      **Sec. 6. The task force shall do the following:**

13       **(1) Review other state approaches to real property**  
14       **assessment, including the use in other states of automated**  
15       **valuation model (AVM) systems for real property**  
16       **assessment.**

17       **(2) Study and make recommendations regarding how**  
18       **automated valuation model (AVM) systems should be**  
19       **incorporated into real property assessment in Indiana.**

20       **(3) Study the extent to which existing assessment methods**  
21       **and procedures have led to inaccurate and nonuniform real**  
22       **property assessments within classes of properties and across**  
23       **classes of properties.**

24       **(4) Study the extent to which ratio studies are effective in**  
25       **measuring the accuracy and equity of assessments.**

26       **(5) Study and consider the implications if Indiana were to**  
27       **move from its current market value in use assessment**  
28       **standard to a fair market value assessment standard.**

29       **(6) Study and make recommendations regarding whether**  
30       **township assessors should be eliminated.**

31       **(7) Study and make recommendations regarding whether the**  
32       **office of county assessor should be eliminated and its**  
33       **functions and duties transferred to the county auditor.**

34       **Sec. 7. The task force shall, not later than November 1, 2026,**  
35       **report the task force's findings and recommendations in an**  
36       **electronic format under IC 5-14-6 to the executive director of the**  
37       **legislative services agency for distribution to the members of the**  
38       **general assembly.**

39       **Sec. 8. The legislative services agency shall staff the task force.**

40       **Sec. 9. Each legislative member and each lay member of the**  
41       **task force is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and**  
42       **travel allowances paid to individuals serving as legislative and lay**



1       members, respectively, on an interim study committee established  
2       by the legislative council.

3       **Sec. 10. The task force's expenses, including the payment of**  
4       **per diem, mileage, and travel allowances under section 9 of this**  
5       **chapter, are payable from amounts appropriated to the legislative**  
6       **council.**

7       **Sec. 11. This chapter expires January 1, 2027.**

8       **SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.**[I](#)

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