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HOUSE BILL No. 1342

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DIGEST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

County commissioner districts. Requires, after December 31, 2030, the county executive in certain counties to adopt an ordinance to divide the county into three districts. Requires publication of proposed district boundaries and a public hearing before an ordinance is adopted. Specifies that the county executive may consider geography and the differences in population between each district.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. ~~IC 3-5-10-7~~ IC 1-1-15.5-4, AS
2 ~~AMENDED~~ ADDED BY P.L. ~~240-2025~~ [161-2025], SECTION
3 ~~1~~, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
4 ~~JANUARY~~ JULY 1, 202~~6~~]: Sec. ~~1~~. (a) ~~Subject to
5 sections 7.1, 7.2, and 8 of this chapter, a redistricting authority shall
6 redistrict election districts at the following times:~~
7 ~~(1) If the census event is a federal decennial census, the
8 following:~~
9 ~~(A) For a county executive or county fiscal body, only
10 during the first year after the federal decennial census is
11 conducted.~~
12 ~~(B) For a school corporation, only during the first year after
13 the federal decennial census is conducted.~~
14 ~~(C) For a municipality that conducts its municipal elections
15 in an odd-numbered year, only during the second year after
16 the federal decennial census is conducted.~~
17 ~~(D) For a municipality that conducts its municipal elections
18 in:~~

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- (i) an even-numbered year; or
- (ii) both an even-numbered year and an odd-numbered year;

by during the first year after the federal decennial census conducted:

~~(E) For~~ This section does not apply to:

- (1) the governor's workforce cabinet established by IC 4-3-27-3;
- (2) the budget committee established by IC 4-12-1-3;
- (3) the simplified sales and use tax agreement entered into in accordance with IC 6-2.5-11-5;
- (4) the Indiana state board of education established by IC 20-19-2-2.1;
- (5) the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired board established by IC 20-21-3-1;
- (6) the Indiana School for the Deaf board established by IC 20-22-3-1;
- (7) a county redistricting commission established under IC 36-2-2-4 (before its expiration on January 1, 2031) or IC 36-2-2-4.1 (after December 31, 2030);
- (8) an economic enhancement district board established under IC 36-7-40-5; or
- (9) the Indiana protection and advocacy services commission established by IC 12-28-1-6.

(b) On or before July 1, 2027, and July 1 biennially thereafter, a committee that:

- (1) is established by the Indiana Code;
- (2) contains at least one (1) member of the general assembly, other than a legislative standing committee or an interim study committee under IC 2-5;
- (3) is authorized to exist for at least two (2) years; and
- (4) does not have an annual reporting requirement, other than the requirements provided in this section, to the executive branch, judicial branch, or the general assembly;

shall submit a report to the executive director of] the legislative ~~body of a township in a county having a consolidated city, only during the first year after the federal decennial census is conducted.~~

(2) For a census event other than a federal decennial census, only during the first year after the year the census event becomes effective with respect to the political subdivision, as provided in IC 1-1-3.5-3.

(3) Whenever a county adopts an order declaring a county boundary to be changed under IC 36-2-1-2 that affects the



1 boundaries of the political subdivision.
 2 (4) Whenever required to assign annexed territory to a district,
 3 subject to the provisions of IC 36-4-3.
 4 (5) Whenever the boundary of the political subdivision is
 5 changed.
 6 (6) As provided in the order of a court that has found the current
 7 redistricting plan unconstitutional or otherwise unlawful.
 8 (b) Except as provided in ~~section sections 7.1 and 7.2~~ of this
 9 chapter, a redistricting authority may not redistrict at a time other than
 10 is provided in subsection (a).
 11 (c) A member of a redistricting authority described in subsection
 12 (a)(1) that fails to:
 13 (1) redistrict election districts; or
 14 (2) recertify existing districts under section 8 of this chapter,
 15 within the deadlines established by subsection (a)(1) is not entitled to
 16 receive payment of any salary or fees, as fixed by law, until the
 17 redistricting authority complies with subsection (a).
 18 [services agency
 19 in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 for review by the interim
 committee on government in accordance with IC 2-5-1.3-13(g).
 20 (c) The report under subsection (b) shall describe:
 21 (1) official action taken; and
 22 (2) actionable items considered;
 23 by the committee during the preceding two (2) years].

24 SECTION 2. ~~IC 3-5-10-7.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA~~
 25 ~~CODE~~ [IC 14-13-2-7] AS ~~A NEW~~ [AMENDED BY P.L.104-2022,
 26] SECTION [91, IS AMENDED] TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 27 [EFFECTIVE ~~JANUARY~~ [JULY] 1, 202~~2~~ [6]]: ~~Sec. 7. 2. (a)~~
 28 ~~This section applies to a county to which IC 36-2-2-4(a) applies.~~
 29 ~~(b) Not later than December 31, 2027, the county executive shall,~~
 30 ~~with respect to districts required~~ [The commission has:

31 (1) before July 1, 2012, five (5) members appointed by the
 32 governor; and
 33 (2) after June 30, 2012, nine (9) members appointed by the
 34 governor.
 35 (b) The following requirements apply to the governor's
 36 appointments under subsection (a)(1):
 37 (1) One (1) member must be a representative of the department
 38 of natural resources. The member may not be an employee or
 39 elected official of a city, town, or county governmental unit.
 40 (2) The remaining four (4) members must meet the following
 41 requirements:
 42 (A) Four (4) members must reside in a:



(i) city;
(ii) town; or
(iii) township (if the member resides in an unincorporated area of the county);
that borders the Little Calumet River

(B) At least three (3) of the members must have a background in:

- (i) construction;
- (ii) project management; or
- (iii) flood control;

or a similar professional background.

(C) A member may not be an employee or elected official of a city, town, or county governmental unit.

(c) The following apply to the membership of the commission after June 30, 2012:

(1) Before August 1, 2012, the governor shall appoint four (4) additional members to the commission for four (4) year terms as follows:

(A) One (1) member nominated by the mayor of the city of Hammond.

(B) One (1) member nominated by the mayor of the city of Gary.

(C) Two (2) members nominated by the board of county commissioners of Lake County.

(2) Notwithstanding section 8 of this chapter, the term of the member described in subsection (b)(1) expires January 7, 2013. The governor shall appoint one (1) member nominated by the department of natural resources for a four (4) year term beginning January 7, 2013.

(3) Notwithstanding section 8 of this chapter, the terms of the members described in subsection (b)(2) expire January 1, 2014. The governor shall appoint for four (4) year terms beginning January 1, 2014, four (4) members, each of whom must have been nominated by the executive of a municipality located in the watershed other than a city described in subdivision (1).

(4) A member appointed to succeed a member appointed under subdivision (1) or (2) must be nominated by the nominating authority that nominated the member's predecessor, and a member appointed to succeed a member appointed under subdivision (3) must be nominated by the executive of a municipality located in the watershed other than a city described in subdivision (1).

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1 (d) The following apply to a member appointed under subsection
 2 (c) and to any member appointed to succeed a member appointed under
 3 subsection (c):

4 (1) After July 31, 2012, not more than five (5) members of the
 5 commission may belong to the same political party.

6 (2) Each member must have a background in:

7 (A) construction;
 8 (B) project management;
 9 (C) flood control; or
 10 (D) a similar professional background.

11 (3) A member may not be an employee or elected official of a
 12 city, town, or county governmental unit.

13 (4) The members:

14 (A) appointed under subsection (c)(3); or
 15 (B) appointed to succeed members appointed under
 16 subsection (c)(3);

17 must be from different municipalities.

18 (5) Neither the two (2) members appointed under subsection
 19 (c)(1)(C) nor any two (2) members appointed to succeed them
 20 may be from the same district created] under IC 36-2-2-4(~~a~~),
 21 either:

22 (1) redraw districts to comply with IC 36-2-2-4(a); or
 23 (2) recertify that existing districts comply with IC 36-2-2-4(a).

24 (c) This section expires July 1, 2028.

25 SECTION 3. [b] (before its expiration on January 1, 2031) or
 26 IC 36-2-2-4.1(c) (after December 31, 2030).

27 SECTION 3. IC 36-2-1-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.104-2022,
 28 SECTION 145, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 29 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) If the resident voters in a
 30 specified territory in two (2) or more contiguous counties desire to
 31 change the boundaries of their respective counties, they may file a
 32 petition with the executives of their respective counties requesting that
 33 the territory be transferred. The petition must:

34 (1) be signed by at least the number of voters resident in the
 35 territory requested to be transferred required to place a candidate
 36 on the ballot under IC 3-8-6-3;
 37 (2) contain a clear, distinct description of the requested boundary
 38 change; and
 39 (3) not propose to decrease the area of any county below four
 40 hundred (400) square miles in compliance with Article 15,
 41 Section 7 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana.

42 (b) Whenever a petition under subsection (a) is filed with a county



1 executive, the executive shall determine, at its first meeting after the
2 petition is filed:

(2) If the county has received territory from the transfer, adopt revised descriptions of:

(A) county commissioner districts under IC 36-2-2-4
(before its expiration on January 1, 2031) or
IC 36-2-2-4.1 (after December 31, 2030); and

IC 36-2-11 (after December 31, 1986), and
(B) county council districts under IC 36-2-3-4;
so that the transferred territory is assigned to at least one (1) county
commissioner district and at least one (1) county council district.

36 commissioner district and at least one (1) county council district.
37 (f) The executive of each county shall file a copy of the order
38 described in subsection (e)(1) with:

described in subsection (c)(1) with:

(1) the office of the secretary of state; and
(2) the circuit court clerk of the county.

(2) the circuit court clerk of the county.
The transfer of territory becomes effective when the last county order is filed under this subsection



(g) An election under this section may be held only once every three (3) years.

SECTION 4]. IC 36-2-2-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.230-2025, SECTION 139, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE ~~JANUARY~~ JULY 1, 202~~7~~6]: Sec. 4. (a) This subsection does not apply to the following counties:

(1) A county having a population of more than four hundred fifty thousand (450,000) and less than seven hundred thousand (700,000).

(2) A county having a population of more than one hundred eighty-five thousand (185,000) and less than three hundred thousand (300,000).

The executive shall divide the county into three (3) districts that are composed of contiguous territory and are reasonably compact, and must contain, as nearly as is possible, equal population. The district boundaries drawn by the executive must not cross precinct boundary lines and must divide townships only when a division is clearly necessary to accomplish redistricting under this section. If necessary, the county auditor shall call a special meeting of the executive to establish or revise districts.

(b) This subsection applies to a county having a population of more than four hundred fifty thousand (450,000) and less than seven hundred thousand (700,000). A county redistricting commission shall divide the county into three (3) single-member districts that comply with subsection (d). The commission is composed of:

- (1) the members of the Indiana election commission;
- (2) two (2) members of the senate selected by the president pro tempore, one (1) from each political party; and
- (3) two (2) members of the house of representatives selected by the speaker, one (1) from each political party.

The legislative members of the commission have no vote and may act only in an advisory capacity. A majority vote of the voting members is required for the commission to take action. The commission may meet as frequently as necessary to perform its duty under this subsection. The commission's members serve without additional compensation above that provided for them as members of the Indiana election commission, the senate, or the house of representatives.

(c) This subsection applies to a county having a population of more than one hundred eighty-five thousand (185,000) and less than three hundred thousand (300,000) that opts in to the system of county government described in subsection (d), sections 4.7(c) and 5(d)(2) of this chapter, IC 36-2-3-2(b), IC 36-2-3-4(c), and IC 36-2-3.5-1(2) by



1 passing a resolution by a majority vote of its executive body not later
 2 than September 1, 2023. In the event the executive body of a county
 3 described in this subsection does not opt in by September 1, 2023, the
 4 county shall be governed by the general provisions of this chapter. The
 5 executive shall divide the county into three (3) single-member districts
 6 that comply with subsection (d).

7 (d) Single-member districts established under subsection (b) or (c)
 8 must:

- 9 (1) be compact, subject only to natural boundary lines (such as
 10 railroads, major highways, rivers, creeks, parks, and major
 11 industrial complexes);
- 12 (2) contain, as nearly as is possible, equal population; and
- 13 (3) not cross precinct lines.

14 (e) Except as provided by subsection (f), a division under
 15 subsection (a), (b), or (c) shall be made only at times permitted under
 16 IC 3-5-10.

17 (f) If the county executive or county redistricting commission
 18 determines that a division under subsection (e) is not required, the
 19 county executive or county redistricting commission shall adopt an
 20 ordinance recertifying that the districts as drawn comply with this
 21 section.

22 (g) Each time there is a division under subsection (e) or a
 23 recertification under subsection (f), the county executive or county
 24 redistricting commission shall file with the circuit court clerk of the
 25 county, not later than thirty (30) days after the division or
 26 recertification occurs, a map of the district boundaries:

- 27 (1) adopted under subsection (e); or
- 28 (2) recertified under subsection (f).

29 (h) The limitations set forth in this section are part of the
 30 ordinance, but do not have to be specifically set forth in the ordinance.
 31 The ordinance must be construed, if possible, to comply with this
 32 chapter. If a provision of the ordinance or an application of the
 33 ordinance violates this chapter, the invalidity does not affect the other
 34 provisions or applications of the ordinance that can be given effect
 35 without the invalid provision or application. The provisions of the
 36 ordinance are severable.

37 (i) IC 3-5-10 applies to a plan established under this section. [

38 **(j) This section expires January 1, 2031.**

39 **SECTION 5. IC 36-2-2-4.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE**
 40 **AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY**
 41 **1, 2026]: Sec. 4.1. (a) This section applies after December 31, 2030.**

42 **(b) This subsection does not apply to a county having a**



1 population of more than four hundred fifty thousand (450,000) and
 2 less than seven hundred thousand (700,000), or a county having a
 3 population of more than one hundred eighty-five thousand
 4 (185,000) and less than three hundred thousand (300,000). The
 5 executive shall adopt an ordinance to divide the county into three
 6 (3) districts. The following apply to districts established or revised
 7 under this subsection:

8 (1) The executive shall:

- (A) publish proposed district boundaries; and
- (B) hold a public hearing concerning proposed district boundaries;

12 before adopting an ordinance to establish or revise districts.

13 (2) Districts must be:

- (A) composed of contiguous territory; and
- (B) reasonably compact.

16 (3) District boundaries must:

- (A) not cross precinct boundary lines; and
- (B) divide townships only when a division is clearly necessary to accomplish redistricting under this section.

20 (4) When dividing the county into districts, the executive may consider:

- (A) geography; and
- (B) the differences in population between each district.

24 (c) This subsection applies to a county having a population of more than four hundred fifty thousand (450,000) and less than seven hundred thousand (700,000). A county redistricting commission shall divide the county into three (3) single-member districts that comply with subsection (e). The commission is composed of:

- (1) the members of the Indiana election commission;
- (2) two (2) members of the senate selected by the president pro tempore, one (1) from each political party; and
- (3) two (2) members of the house of representatives selected by the speaker, one (1) from each political party.

35 The legislative members of the commission have no vote and may act only in an advisory capacity. A majority vote of the voting members is required for the commission to take action. The commission may meet as frequently as necessary to perform its duty under this subsection. The commission's members serve without additional compensation above that provided for them as members of the Indiana election commission, the senate, or the house of representatives.



1 (d) This subsection applies to a county having a population of
 2 more than one hundred eighty-five thousand (185,000) and less
 3 than three hundred thousand (300,000) that opts in to the system
 4 of county government described in subsection (e), sections 4.7(c)
 5 and 5(d)(2) of this chapter, IC 36-2-3-2(b), IC 36-2-3-4(c), and
 6 IC 36-2-3.5-1(2) by passing a resolution by a majority vote of its
 7 executive body not later than September 1, 2023. In the event the
 8 executive body of a county described in this subsection does not opt
 9 in by September 1, 2023, the county shall be governed by the
 10 general provisions of this chapter. The executive shall divide the
 11 county into three (3) single-member districts that comply with
 12 subsection (e).

13 (e) Single-member districts established under subsection (c) or
 14 (d) must:

- 15 (1) be compact, subject only to natural boundary lines (such
 16 as railroads, major highways, rivers, creeks, parks, and
 17 major industrial complexes);
- 18 (2) contain, as nearly as is possible, equal population; and
- 19 (3) not cross precinct lines.

20 (f) Except as provided by subsection (g), a division under
 21 subsection (b), (c), or (d) shall be made only at times permitted
 22 under IC 3-5-10.

23 (g) If the county executive or county redistricting commission
 24 determines that a division under subsection (f) is not required, the
 25 county executive or county redistricting commission shall adopt an
 26 ordinance recertifying that the districts as drawn comply with this
 27 section.

28 (h) Each time there is a division under subsection (f) or a
 29 recertification under subsection (g), the county executive or county
 30 redistricting commission shall file with the circuit court clerk of the
 31 county, not later than thirty (30) days after the division or
 32 recertification occurs, a map of the district boundaries:

- 33 (1) adopted under subsection (f); or
- 34 (2) recertified under subsection (g).

35 (i) The limitations set forth in this section are part of the
 36 ordinance, but do not have to be specifically set forth in the
 37 ordinance. The ordinance must be construed, if possible, to comply
 38 with this chapter. If a provision of the ordinance or an application
 39 of the ordinance violates this chapter, the invalidity does not affect
 40 the other provisions or applications of the ordinance that can be
 41 given effect without the invalid provision or application. The
 42 provisions of the ordinance are severable.



(j) IC 3-5-10 applies to a plan established under this section.

SECTION 6. IC 36-2-2-4.7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.201-2023, SECTION 266, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4.7. (a) Except as provided in subsection (c), whenever the executive divides the county into districts under section 4 (before its expiration on January 1, 2031) or 4.1 (after December 31, 2030) of this chapter, the executive shall adopt an ordinance.

(b) The executive shall file a copy of an ordinance adopted under subsection (a) with the circuit court clerk.

(c) This subsection applies to a county having a population of more than one hundred eighty-five thousand (185,000) and less than three hundred thousand (300,000) that opts in to the system of county government as described in section 4(c) (before its expiration on January 1, 2031) or 4.1(d) (after December 31, 2030) of this chapter. Whenever the executive divides the county into districts under section 4 (before its expiration on January 1, 2031) or 4.1 (after December 31, 2030) of this chapter, the executive shall adopt a resolution at two (2) separate public meetings. The executive shall file a copy of the resolution adopted under this subsection with the circuit court clerk.

SECTION 7. IC 36-2-2-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.230-2025, SECTION 140, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) To be eligible for election to the executive, a person must meet the qualifications prescribed by IC 3-8-1-21.

(b) A member of the executive must reside within:

(1) the county as provided in Article 6, Section 6 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana; and

(2) the district from which the member was elected.

(c) If the person does not remain a resident of the county and district after taking office, the person forfeits the office. The county fiscal body shall declare the office vacant whenever a member of the executive forfeits office under this subsection.

(d) In a county having a population of:

(1) more than four hundred fifty thousand (450,000) and less than seven hundred thousand (700,000); or

(2) more than one hundred eighty-five thousand (185,000) and less than three hundred thousand (300,000) that opts in to the system of county government as described in section 4(c) (before its expiration on January 1, 2031) or 4.1(d) (after December 31, 2030) of this chapter;

one (1) member of the executive shall be elected by the voters of each



1 of the three (3) single-member districts established under section 4(b)
2 or 4(c) of this chapter (before its expiration on January 1, 2031) or
3 4.1(c) or 4.1(d) of this chapter (after December 31, 2030). In other
4 counties, all three (3) members of the executive shall be elected by the
5 voters of the whole county.

17 SECTION 9. IC 36-2-3-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.201-2023,
18 SECTION 269, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
19 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) This subsection does not
20 apply to the following counties:

30 The county executive shall, by ordinance, divide the county into four
31 (4) single-member districts that comply with subsection (d). If
32 necessary, the county auditor shall call a special meeting of the
33 executive to establish or revise districts. One (1) member of the fiscal
34 body shall be elected by the voters of each of the four (4) districts.
35 Three (3) at-large members of the fiscal body shall be elected by the
36 voters of the whole county.



1 subsection (d). One (1) member of the fiscal body shall be elected by
 2 the voters of each of these seven (7) single-member districts.

3 (c) This subsection applies to a county having a population of
 4 more than one hundred eighty-five thousand (185,000) and less than
 5 three hundred thousand (300,000) that opts in to the system of county
 6 government described in IC 36-2-2-4(c) (before its expiration on
 7 January 1, 2031) or IC 36-2-2-4.1(d) (after December 31, 2030).
 8 The fiscal body shall divide the county into nine (9) single-member
 9 districts that comply with subsection (d). Three (3) of these districts
 10 must be contained within each of the three (3) districts established
 11 under IC 36-2-2-4(c) (before its expiration on January 1, 2031) or
 12 IC 36-2-2-4.1(d) (after December 31, 2030). One (1) member of the
 13 fiscal body shall be elected by the voters of each of these nine (9)
 14 single-member districts.

15 (d) Single-member districts established under subsection (a), (b),
 16 or (c) must:

17 (1) be compact and be composed of contiguous territory, subject
 18 only to natural boundary lines (such as railroads, major
 19 highways, rivers, creeks, parks, and major industrial complexes);
 20 (2) not cross precinct boundary lines;
 21 (3) contain, as nearly as possible, equal population; and
 22 (4) include whole townships, except when a division is clearly
 23 necessary to accomplish redistricting under this section.

24 (e) Except as provided by subsection (f), a division under
 25 subsection (a), (b), or (c) shall be made only at times permitted under
 26 IC 3-5-10.

27 (f) If the county executive, county redistricting commission, or
 28 county fiscal body determines that a division under subsection (e) is not
 29 required, the county executive, county redistricting commission, or
 30 county fiscal body shall adopt an ordinance recertifying that the
 31 districts as drawn comply with this section.

32 (g) Each time there is a division under subsection (e) or a
 33 recertification under subsection (f), the county executive, county
 34 redistricting commission, or county fiscal body shall file with the
 35 circuit court clerk of the county, not later than thirty (30) days after the
 36 division or recertification occurs, a map of the district boundaries:

37 (1) adopted under subsection (e); or
 38 (2) recertified under subsection (f).

39 (h) The limitations set forth in this section are part of the
 40 ordinance, but do not have to be specifically set forth in the ordinance.
 41 The ordinance must be construed, if possible, to comply with this
 42 chapter. If a provision of the ordinance or an application of the



1 ordinance violates this chapter, the invalidity does not affect the other
 2 provisions or applications of the ordinance that can be given effect
 3 without the invalid provision or application. The provisions of the
 4 ordinance are severable.

5 (i) IC 3-5-10 applies to a plan established under this section.
 6 SECTION 10. IC 36-2-3.5-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.230-2025,
 7 SECTION 141, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 8 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. This chapter applies to the
 9 following counties:

10 (1) A county having a population of more than four hundred fifty
 11 thousand (450,000) and less than seven hundred thousand
 12 (700,000).

13 (2) A county having a population of more than one hundred
 14 eighty-five thousand (185,000) and less than three hundred
 15 thousand (300,000) that opts in to the system of county
 16 government as described in IC 36-2-2-4(c) (before its
 17 expiration on January 1, 2031) or IC 36-2-2-4.1(d) (after
 18 December 31, 2030).

19 (3) Any other county not having a consolidated city, if both the
 20 county executive and the county fiscal body adopt identical
 21 ordinances providing for the county to be governed by this
 22 chapter beginning on a specified effective date.

23 SECTION 11. IC 36-2-3.5-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 24 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) A court may issue
 25 an order, before final hearing, to stay an election if there is sufficient
 26 evidence to withstand a motion for summary judgment that the county
 27 has not been divided into districts that comply with IC 36-2-2-4
 28 (before its expiration on January 1, 2031), IC 36-2-2-4.1(d) (after
 29 December 31, 2030), or IC 36-2-3-4. A preliminary hearing on the
 30 question may be held upon the court's own motion.

31 (b) Final judgment on the merits in such a case shall be made
 32 within thirty (30) days of the stay of election order. If the redistricting
 33 is found not to be in compliance with law, the court shall retain
 34 jurisdiction and shall order the proper officials to submit within thirty
 35 (30) days a redistricting plan complying with law. If the proper officials
 36 fail to comply with the order, the court shall order the Indiana election
 37 commission to divide the county into districts in compliance with law.]

