

## SENATE BILL No. 142

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## SENATE BILL No. 142

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 6-9-30 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
2        A **NEW CHAPTER** TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3        1, 2026]:

4        **Chapter 30. Delaware County Hospitality Tax Board  
5        Consolidation Ordinance**

6        **Sec. 0.5. This chapter applies only to Delaware County.**

7        **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "consolidated entity" means a  
8        board resulting from the adoption of an ordinance under section  
9        4 of this chapter to consolidate the functions of each former entity  
10      into the consolidated entity.**

11      **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "executive" has the meaning set  
12      forth in IC 36-1-2-5.**

13      **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "former entity" means a board,  
14      bureau, commission, authority, or any other similar entity  
15      authorized to administer funds received from the county:**

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- (1) innkeeper's tax imposed under IC 6-9-18; or
- (2) food and beverage tax imposed under IC 6-9-21.

Sec. 4. The county executive may adopt an ordinance to consolidate the functions of a former entity with respect to the administration of funds received from the county:

(1) innkeeper's tax imposed under IC 6-9-18; or  
(2) food and beverage tax imposed under IC 6-9-21;  
into a single consolidated entity as designated in the ordinance to administer funds received from both of those taxes.

Sec. 5. If an ordinance is adopted under section 4 of this chapter, each former entity is abolished on the date the ordinance is adopted and may not exercise any of the powers, duties, or responsibilities conferred on the former entity under IC 6-9-18 or IC 6-9-21. In addition, the term of any individual serving on each former entity ends on the date the ordinance is adopted. The consolidated entity designated in the ordinance shall exercise the functions of each abolished former entity.

**Sec. 6. (a) If an ordinance is adopted under section 4 of this chapter, the county executive may determine the number of members to serve on the consolidated entity, which must be an odd number. All members appointed to the consolidated entity must reside in the county. The county executive shall determine:**

(1) the qualifications to be appointed to the consolidated entity, which may not include consideration of political party affiliation;

(2) the term of a member, which may not exceed four (4) years, but may provide for:

(A) the staggering of the terms of members initially appointed to the consolidated entity;

(B) reappointment following the expiration of a member's term; and

**(C) the filling of vacancies if a vacancy occurs;**

**(3) the grounds for removal;**

(4) the number of members required for a quorum; and

(5) any other matters that the county executive determines reasonably relate to the composition of the consolidated entity.

**A member of the consolidated entity may not receive a salary or benefits. However, a member of the consolidated entity is entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of the member's respective duties.**

**(b) Each member of the consolidated entity, before entering**

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1       **the member's duties, shall take an oath of office in the usual form,**  
2       **to be endorsed upon the member's certificate of appointment and**  
3       **promptly filed with the clerk of the circuit court of the county.**

4       **Sec. 7. If an ordinance is adopted under section 4 of this**  
5       **chapter, the ordinance is final and the county executive may not**  
6       **adopt a subsequent ordinance to restore each former entity and**  
7       **transfer the powers, duties, and responsibilities concerning the**  
8       **administration of the innkeeper's tax imposed under IC 6-9-18 or**  
9       **food and beverage tax imposed under IC 6-9-21 back to each**  
10       **former entity.**

11       **Sec. 8. If an ordinance is adopted under section 4 of this**  
12       **chapter, money in a fund established under a provision of**  
13       **IC 6-9-18 or IC 6-9-21 on the date the ordinance is adopted**  
14       **remains in the fund and is available to be administered and used by**  
15       **the consolidated entity for the purposes allowed under IC 6-9-18 or**  
16       **IC 6-9-21.**

17       **Sec. 9. If an ordinance is adopted under section 4 of this**  
18       **chapter, any bonds, leases, contractual agreements, or other**  
19       **obligations issued, entered into, or in effect on or before the date**  
20       **the ordinance is adopted are transferred to and assumed by the**  
21       **consolidated entity.**

22       **Sec. 10. If an ordinance is adopted under section 4 of this**  
23       **chapter, all records and property of each former entity are**  
24       **transferred on the date the ordinance is adopted to the**  
25       **consolidated entity.**

26       **Sec. 11. If an ordinance is adopted under section 4 of this**  
27       **chapter, the county executive must immediately send a certified**  
28       **copy of the ordinance to each of the following:**

- 29       **(1) The commissioner of the department of state revenue.**
- 30       **(2) The treasurer of state.**
- 31       **(3) The state comptroller.**

32       **Sec. 12. If an ordinance is adopted under section 4 of this**  
33       **chapter, a reference to a former entity in IC 6-9-18, IC 6-9-21,**  
34       **another statute, a rule, or any other document is considered a**  
35       **reference to the consolidated entity.**

