

SENATE BILL No. 179

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 5-35.7; IC 8-23; IC 9-20; IC 32-19.5; IC 34-30-2.1-87.2.

Synopsis: Indiana department of transportation. Adds exceptions to certain state contract reporting requirements for contracts entered into by the Indiana department of transportation (department) for the construction, repair, or maintenance of a highway, street, road, or bridge. Allows the department to assume the responsibilities and duties of the United States Department of Transportation with respect to certain federal environmental laws. Provides that the department waives its civil immunity and consents to the jurisdiction of the federal courts for responsibilities and duties assumed under certain federal environmental laws. Provides that a contractor who provides construction engineering inspection services for a project to the department is not civilly or criminally liable for certain claims made by a third party arising from a motor vehicle accident that occurs within a worksite of the project. Amends provisions regarding the distribution of funds from the local road and bridge matching grant fund. Provides that an overweight truck permit issued for a single trip is valid for five days from the date the permit is issued. Provides for the use of the Indiana Plane Coordinate System as a means to describe real property.

Effective: Upon passage; July 1, 2026.

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Second Regular Session of the 124th General Assembly (2026)

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

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 5-35.7-5-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.182-2025,
2 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. **(a)** This chapter applies to a contract between
4 a state agency and a contractor that is entered into, renewed, or
5 amended after June 30, 2025.

6 **(b) This chapter does not apply to a contract entered into by the**
7 **Indiana department of transportation for the construction, repair,**
8 **or maintenance of a highway, street, road, or bridge.**

9 SECTION 2. IC 5-35.7-7-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.182-2025,
10 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
11 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. This chapter does not apply to the following:

- 12 (1) A contract solely entered into for licensed legal counsel.
- 13 (2) A purchase subject to the small purchase policies established
14 by a state agency under IC 5-22-8.
- 15 (3) A contract for services provided by a bank holding company
16 or its subsidiaries or for investments, investment services, or
17 financial services entered into by the treasurer of state under



1 IC 4-8.1, IC 5-13, or IC 10-12.

2 (4) A contract entered into with a program established under
3 IC 11-10-7-2.

4 **(5) A contract entered into by the Indiana department of
5 transportation for the construction, repair, or maintenance of
6 a highway, street, road, or bridge.**

7 SECTION 3. IC 8-23-2-6.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
8 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
9 1, 2026]: Sec. 6.1. (a) The department may assume the
10 responsibilities of the United States Department of Transportation
11 with respect to the United States Department of Transportation's
12 duties under the federal National Environmental Policy Act of 1969
13 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and other federal environmental laws. The
14 department may:

15 (1) assume responsibility under 23 U.S.C. 326 and 23 U.S.C.
16 327; and

17 (2) enter into one (1) or more agreements, including
18 memoranda of understanding, with the United States
19 Department of Transportation related to:

20 (A) designating categorical exclusions from federally
21 required environmental assessments or impact statements
22 for highway projects, as provided in 23 U.S.C. 326; and

23 (B) the federal surface transportation project delivery
24 program for the delivery of transportation projects,
25 including highway, railroad, public transportation, and
26 multimodal projects, as provided in 23 U.S.C. 327.

27 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c), the department waives
28 its immunity from civil liability, including immunity from suit in
29 federal court, and consents to the jurisdiction of the federal courts
30 over its civil liability with regard to the compliance, discharge, or
31 enforcement of the responsibilities assumed by the department
32 under subsection (a).

33 (c) Subsection (b) applies only to those actions that are
34 authorized under subsection (a) and does not create liability for the
35 department that exceeds the liability created under 23 U.S.C. 326
36 and 23 U.S.C. 327.

37 (d) The department may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to
38 implement this section. The department may adopt the relevant
39 federal environmental standards as the standards for a program
40 described in subsection (a)(2).

41 SECTION 4. IC 8-23-2-12.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
42 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY



1, 2026]: **Sec. 12.7.** (a) As used in this section, "construction
2 engineering inspection services" means services performed during
3 the construction of a project to ensure the project is built in
4 accordance with the plans and specifications for the project. The
5 term does not include the design or engineering of a project.

(b) As used in this section, "contractor" means a person who
provides construction engineering inspection services for a project
under a contract with the department.

(c) As used in this section, "third party" means a person who is
not an employee of a contractor.

(d) A contractor is not civilly or criminally liable for a claim
made by a third party concerning:

- (1) death or bodily injury;
- (2) property damage;
- (3) design defects; or
- (4) any other loss, damage, or expense;

arising from a motor vehicle accident that occurs within a worksite
(as defined in IC 9-13-2-200) of a project for which the contractor
provided construction engineering inspection services, except for
the contractor's negligence.

SECTION 5. IC 8-23-30-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.173-2025,
SECTION 28, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 2. (a) The local road and bridge matching
grant fund is established to provide matching grants to local units for
eligible projects.

(b) The department shall administer the fund.

(c) The fund consists of the following:

- (1) Appropriations by the general assembly.
- (2) Interest deposited in the fund under subsection (d).
- (3) Money deposited in or transferred to the fund from any other
source.

(d) The treasurer of state shall invest money in the fund not
currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that accrues
from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.

(e) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert
to the state general fund.

(f) Not later than June 1, 2025, the department shall report to the
state comptroller the amount of matching grants awarded by the
department from the fund in the state fiscal year beginning July 1,
2024, and ending June 30, 2025, that the department will not distribute
before July 1, 2025.



9 (1) On June 30, 2025, the department must allocate the total of
10 the amount determined under subsection (f) plus one hundred
11 million dollars (\$100,000,000) of money in the fund to make
12 matching grants in the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025,
13 and ending June 30, 2026, to all local units. The department may
14 not award more than ~~one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000)~~
15 ~~one hundred~~ **seventy-five million dollars (\$175,000,000)** of
16 matching grants in the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025,
17 and ending June 30, 2026. **The department may not award a**
18 **local unit more than one (1) matching grant in the state fiscal**
19 **year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.**

(2) On June 30, 2026, and June 30 of each year thereafter, the department must allocate the first one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) of money in the fund to make matching grants in the next state fiscal year to all local units.

27 (1) On June 30, 2026, a transfer of:

28 (A) to the state general fund, the total amount of the state tax
29 credits certified for 2025 by the department of state revenue
30 under IC 6-3.1-38.1-8(c); and

(B) to the department, an amount equal to twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) minus the amount under clause (A) for deposit in the state highway road construction and improvement fund established under IC 8-14-10 for the department's use in financing a railroad crossing upgrade project as described in IC 8-14.5-8.

37 (2) On June 30, 2027, a transfer of:

(A) to the state general fund, the total amount of the state tax credits certified for 2026 by the department of state revenue under IC 6-3.1-38.1-8(c); and

41 (B) to the department, an amount equal to twenty million
42 dollars (\$20,000,000) minus the amount under clause (A) for



1 deposit in the state highway road construction and
2 improvement fund established under IC 8-14-10 for the
3 department's use in financing a railroad crossing upgrade
4 project as described in IC 8-14.5-8.

5 (3) On June 30, 2028, a transfer of:

6 (A) to the state general fund, the total amount of the state tax
7 credits certified for 2027 by the department of state revenue
8 under IC 6-3.1-38.1-8(c); and

9 (B) to the department, an amount equal to twenty million
10 dollars (\$20,000,000) minus the amount under clause (A) for
11 deposit in the state highway road construction and
12 improvement fund established under IC 8-14-10 for the
13 department's use in financing a railroad crossing upgrade
14 project as described in IC 8-14.5-8.

15 (4) On June 30, 2029, a transfer of twenty million dollars
16 (\$20,000,000) to the department for deposit in the state highway
17 road construction and improvement fund established under
18 IC 8-14-10 for the department's use in financing a railroad
19 crossing upgrade project as described in IC 8-14.5-8.

20 (5) On June 30, 2030, a transfer of twenty million dollars
21 (\$20,000,000) to the department for deposit in the state highway
22 road construction and improvement fund established under
23 IC 8-14-10 for the department's use in financing a railroad
24 crossing upgrade project as described in IC 8-14.5-8.

25 (j) Beginning on June 30, 2027, and on June 30 of each year
26 thereafter, after the department allocates the money under subsection
27 (h) and the state comptroller makes a transfer under subsection (i),
28 when applicable, the state comptroller shall transfer fifty million
29 dollars (\$50,000,000) of money in the fund to the consolidated city in
30 Marion County for the construction, reconstruction, and preservation
31 of the consolidated city's local streets (as defined in IC 8-14-2-1(9)).
32 The consolidated city in Marion County shall not use these revenues
33 for:

34 (1) reducing the capacity of existing roads and streets;
35 (2) greenways;
36 (3) bike lanes;
37 (4) bike trails; and
38 (5) sidewalks.

39 One hundred percent (100%) of the money distributed to the
40 consolidated city under this subsection shall be matched with an
41 appropriation by the consolidated city. The appropriation required
42 under this subsection must be new revenue and may not include



1 revenue allocated to public safety purposes under IC 6-3.6-6.

2 (k) ~~Beginning~~ On June 30, 2027, 2026, after the state comptroller
 3 makes a transfer under subsection (i), and on June 30 of each year
 4 thereafter, after the state comptroller makes a transfer under subsection
 5 (j), the state comptroller shall distribute the remainder of the money in
 6 the fund, as follows:

7 (1) To be eligible to receive a distribution under this subsection,
 8 a local unit must have:

9 (A) adopted a wheel tax; and

10 (B) provided the local technical assistance program at Purdue
 11 University with an updated transportation asset management
 12 plan within the last twelve (12) months.

13 (2) The distribution to a local unit eligible to receive a distribution
 14 under subdivision (1) must be proportional to the local unit's
 15 share of the total lane mileage for all local units eligible to receive
 16 a distribution under subdivision (1). The department shall provide
 17 to the state comptroller the total lane mileage for purposes of
 18 making the distribution under this subsection.

19 A local unit may use a distribution made under this subsection only for
 20 eligible projects.

21 (l) Money in the fund is continuously appropriated for the purpose
 22 of the fund.

23 (m) Money in the fund may not be transferred, assigned, or
 24 otherwise removed from the fund by the state board of finance, the
 25 budget agency, or any other agency until after budget committee
 26 review, except for either or both of the following purposes:

27 (1) The department may distribute funds to a local unit that has
 28 been approved for a grant under this chapter without budget
 29 committee review.

30 (2) To transfer money in the fund under subsections (i) and (j) and
 31 to make a distribution under subsection (k) without budget
 32 committee review.

33 SECTION 6. IC 8-23-30-3.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.173-2025,
 34 SECTION 29, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 35 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 3.5. In each state fiscal year beginning after
 36 June 30, 2027, 2026, a local unit that receives a distribution under
 37 section 2(k) of this chapter may not apply for a grant under section 2(h)
 38 of this chapter in an amount that is greater than the maximum grant
 39 amount set under section 8 of this chapter minus the amount the local
 40 unit received from a distribution under section 2(k) of this chapter.

41 SECTION 7. IC 9-20-4-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.198-2016,
 42 SECTION 339, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS



1 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) Except as provided in
2 subsections (b) and (c), a person may not operate or cause to be
3 operated upon a highway a vehicle or combination of vehicles having
4 weight in excess of one (1) or more of the following limitations:

5 (1) The total gross weight, with load, in pounds of any vehicle or
6 combination of vehicles may not exceed an overall gross weight
7 on a group of two (2) or more consecutive axles produced by
8 application of the following formula:

$$W = 500 \{ [(LN) \div (N-1)] + 12N + 36 \}$$

9 where W equals the overall gross weight on any group of two (2)
10 or more consecutive axles to the nearest five hundred (500)
11 pounds, L equals the distance in feet between the extreme of any
12 group of two (2) or more consecutive axles, and N equals the
13 number of axles in the group under consideration, except that two
14 (2) consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry a gross load of
15 thirty-four thousand (34,000) pounds each, providing the overall
16 distance between the first and last axles of the consecutive sets of
17 tandem axles is thirty-six (36) feet or more. The overall gross
18 weight limit, calculated under this subdivision, may not exceed
19 eighty thousand (80,000) pounds.

20 (2) The weight concentrated on the roadway surface from any
21 tandem axle group may not exceed the following:

22 (A) Thirty-four thousand (34,000) pounds total weight.
23 (B) Twenty thousand (20,000) pounds on an individual axle in
24 a tandem group.

25 (3) A vehicle may not have a maximum wheel weight, unladen or
26 with load, in excess of eight hundred (800) pounds per inch width
27 of tire, measured between the flanges of the rim or an axle weight
28 in excess of twenty thousand (20,000) pounds.

29 (b) The enforcement of weight limits under this section is subject to
30 the following:

31 (1) It is lawful to operate within the scope of a permit, under
32 weight limitations established by the Indiana department of
33 transportation and in effect on July 1, 1956, as provided in
34 IC 9-20-6.

35 (2) It is lawful to operate or cause to be operated a vehicle or
36 combination of vehicles on a heavy duty highway or an extra
37 heavy duty highway designated by the Indiana department of
38 transportation if operated within the imposed limitations.

39 (3) Subsection (a) does not apply to any highway, road, street, or
40 bridge for which a lesser weight limit is imposed by local
41 authorities under IC 9-20-1-3 or IC 9-20-7-2. However, the local
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1 authority may by appropriate action establish and designate a
2 county or city highway, road, or street or part of a highway, road,
3 or street as a heavy duty highway subject to the weight limitations
4 established under IC 9-20-5.

5 (4) Vehicles operated on toll road facilities are subject to rules of
6 weight adopted for toll road facilities by the Indiana department
7 of transportation under IC 8-15-2 and are not subject to
8 subsection (a) when operated on a toll road facility.

9 (5) For purposes of a heavy duty vehicle that is equipped with an
10 auxiliary power unit, the weight limitations provided in
11 subsection (a) are increased by four hundred (400) pounds.

12 (6) For purposes of a vehicle that uses natural gas as a motor fuel
13 **or is powered primarily by means of electric battery power**,
14 the weight limitations provided in subsection (a) are increased by
15 two thousand (2,000) pounds.

16 (c) The greater of the weight limits imposed under subsection (a) or
17 this subsection applies to vehicles operated upon a highway. The
18 weight limits in effect on January 4, 1975, for any highway that is not
19 designated as a heavy duty highway under IC 9-20-5 are the following:

20 (1) The total gross weight, with load, in pounds of a vehicle or
21 combination of vehicles may not exceed seventy-three thousand
22 two hundred eighty (73,280) pounds.

23 (2) The total weight concentrated on the roadway surface from a
24 tandem axle group may not exceed sixteen thousand (16,000)
25 pounds for each axle of a tandem assembly.

26 (3) A vehicle may not have a maximum wheel weight, unladen or
27 with load, in excess of eight hundred (800) pounds per inch width
28 of tire, measured between the flanges of the rim, or an axle weight
29 greater than eighteen thousand (18,000) pounds.

30 (d) For purposes of this section, "auxiliary power unit" means an
31 integrated system that:

32 (1) provides heat, air conditioning, engine warming, or electricity
33 to components on a heavy duty vehicle; and

34 (2) is certified by the administrator of the United States
35 Environmental Protection Agency under 40 CFR 89 as meeting
36 applicable emission standards.

37 (e) For purposes of this section, "heavy duty vehicle" means a
38 vehicle that:

39 (1) has a gross vehicle weight rating greater than eight thousand
40 five hundred (8,500) pounds; and

41 (2) is powered by a diesel engine.

42 SECTION 8. IC 9-20-6-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.182-2009(ss),



1 SECTION 290, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) The Indiana department of
 3 transportation or local authority that:

4 (1) has jurisdiction over a highway or street; and
 5 (2) is responsible for the repair and maintenance of the highway
 6 or street;

7 may, upon proper application in writing and upon good cause shown,
 8 grant a permit for transporting heavy vehicles and loads or other
 9 objects not conforming to this article, including a vehicle transporting
 10 an ocean going container, if the department or authority finds that other
 11 traffic will not be seriously affected and the highway or bridge will not
 12 be seriously damaged.

13 (b) The permit granted under subsection (a) must authorize the
 14 operation of a tractor-semitrailer and load that:

15 (1) exceeds the maximum length limitation under this chapter;
 16 and
 17 (2) is subject to regulation under this chapter;
 18 from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after
 19 sunset.

20 (c) A permit may be issued under this section for the following:
 21 (1) A single trip. **A permit issued under this subdivision is valid
 22 for five (5) days from the date it is issued.**
 23 (2) A definite time not exceeding thirty (30) days.
 24 (3) A ninety (90) day period.
 25 (4) A one (1) year period.

26 (d) This subsection applies to the transportation of ocean going
 27 containers that:

28 (1) have been sealed at the place of origin and have not been
 29 opened except by an agent of the federal government that may
 30 inspect the contents; and
 31 (2) are being transported to or from a distribution facility.

32 The total gross weight, with load of a vehicle or combination of
 33 vehicles transporting an ocean going container may not exceed
 34 ninety-five thousand (95,000) pounds. A permit issued under this
 35 section must be issued on an annual basis. A permit issued under this
 36 subsection may not impose a limit on the number of movements
 37 generated by the applicant or operator of a vehicle granted a permit
 38 under this subsection.

39 SECTION 9. IC 32-19.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
 40 A NEW ARTICLE TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
 41 2026]:

42 **ARTICLE 19.5. DESCRIBING REAL PROPERTY; INDIANA**



1 **PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM**

2 **Chapter 1. Applicability and Definitions**

3 **Sec. 1. Nothing in this article prohibits a person from using:**

4 (1) the most recent or a prior version of the SPCS established
 5 by the NGS; or
 6 (2) the Indiana Coordinate System of 1983, as provided in
 7 IC 32-19;

8 to state the geographic positions or locations of points above, on, or
 9 below the surface of the earth within Indiana.

10 **Sec. 2. As used in this article, "INPCS" means the Indiana Plane
 11 Coordinate System, as described in IC 32-19.5-2-1.**

12 **Sec. 3. As used in this article, "LDP" means low distortion map
 13 projections and refers to a zone yielding minimized differences
 14 between ground-measured horizontal distances and the
 15 corresponding grid coordinate distances.**

16 **Sec. 4. As used in this article, "NGS" means the National
 17 Geodetic Survey or its successors.**

18 **Sec. 5. As used in this article, "NSRS" means the National
 19 Spatial Reference System or its successors.**

20 **Sec. 6. As used in this article, "SPCS" means the State Plane
 21 Coordinate System or its successors.**

22 **Sec. 7. As used in this article, "zone" means the area constituted
 23 in Indiana to be portrayed by a specified conformal map projection
 24 and its defining parameters.**

25 **Chapter 2. Designation of the Indiana Plane Coordinate System;
 26 Zones**

27 **Sec. 1. The most recent system of plane coordinates established
 28 by the NGS, based on the NSRS, and known as the SPCS, for
 29 defining and stating the geographic positions or locations of points
 30 on the surface of earth within Indiana shall be known as the
 31 "Indiana Plane Coordinate System".**

32 **Sec. 2. (a) For purposes of the use of the INPCS, the state of
 33 Indiana is divided into a statewide zone layer and a multizone
 34 layer.**

35 **(b) The statewide zone layer:**

36 (1) consists of a single zone, which is constituted by the total
 37 area included in Indiana;

38 (2) should generally be used for applications such as:

39 (A) a statewide digital orthoimagery;

40 (B) a statewide geographic information system; and

41 (C) emergency management and preparedness mapping;
 42 and



(3) should generally not be used for applications such as:

- (A) original, retracement, or route surveys, as described in 865 IAC 1-12;
- (B) describing real property; and
- (C) the design and construction of large facilities or massive civil infrastructure such as manufacturing plants, bridges, and dams.

(c) The multizone layer:

(1) consists of multiple LDP zones that are constituted by the areas included in individual counties or specified groups of counties; and

(2) should generally be used for applications such as:

(A) original, retracement, or route surveys, as described in 865 IAC 1-12;

(B) describing real property;

(C) the design and construction of large facilities or massive civil infrastructure such as manufacturing plants, bridges, and dams; and

(P) city or county geographic information systems.

Sec. 3. The use of the term "Indiana Plane Coordinate System" or INPCS on any map, report of survey, or other document must be limited to coordinates based on the INPCS as described in this article.

Chapter 3. Coordinates; Geodetic Control; Recording Requirements

Sec. 1. (a) The plane coordinates of a point to be used in expressing the geographic position or location of the point in the appropriate zone of the INPCS must consist of two (2) distances, expressed in feet and decimals of a foot or meters and decimals of a meter. When a value is expressed in feet, it must be expressed in international feet (1 foot = 0.3048 meters).

(b) The distance described in subsection (a) that gives the distance east of the Y axis is the "east or x-coordinate". The distance described in subsection (a) that gives the distance north of the X axis is the "north or y-coordinate".

(c) The Y axis of any zone must be parallel with the central median of that zone. The X axis of any zone must be at right angles to the central median of that zone.

Sec. 2. To locate the position of the coordinate systems on the surface of the earth within Indiana, the position of the INPCS must be established by geodetic control points or positioning systems, such as the Continuously Operating Reference Stations (CORS).



1 that are part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric
2 Administration CORS Network, or similar points and systems
3 whose positions have been established from those points and
4 systems.

5 **Sec. 3. Coordinates based on the Indiana coordinate system of**
6 **1927 (as described in IC 32-19), the Indiana coordinate system of**
7 **1983 (as described in IC 32-19), the INPCS, or any other**
8 **coordinate system published by an agency of the federal**
9 **government or the state, including the Indiana Geospatial**
10 **Coordinate System, purporting to define the position of a point on**
11 **a land boundary map may not be presented to be recorded in any**
12 **public land records or deed records unless the recording document**
13 **contains the following:**

14 (1) The method used to relate the coordinates to the NSRS.
15 (2) The name and zone of the coordinate system, including the
16 following metadata:
17 (A) Reference frame or datum.
18 (B) Datum realization.
19 (C) Epoch.
20 (D) Units.

21 **Sec. 4. The official geodetic datums to which geodetic**
22 **coordinates are referenced within Indiana must be as defined for**
23 **the NSRS.**

24 **Chapter 4. Descriptions of Land Using the Indiana Plane**
25 **Coordinate System**

26 **Sec. 1. As established for use in any of the zones within the**
27 **multizone layer, the INPCS:**

28 (1) must be named; and
29 (2) in any land description in which it is used, must be
30 designated by the official name promulgated by the National
31 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's NGS.

32 **Sec. 2. When a tract of land to be defined by a single description**
33 **extends from one (1) zone into other adjacent zones, the positions**
34 **of all points on the boundaries of the tract being defined must be**
35 **referred to by the zone that is specifically named in the description.**

36 **Sec. 3. (a) Descriptions of tracts of land by reference to the**
37 **United States public land surveys, other original pertinent surveys,**
38 **or subdivisions are recognized as the basic and prevailing method**
39 **for describing such tracts.**

40 **(b) If coordinates of the INPCS are used to describe a tract of**
41 **land that, in the same document, is also described by reference to**
42 **any subdivision, line, or corner of the United States public land**



1 **surveys, other original pertinent surveys, or subdivisions:**
2 **(1) the description by coordinates must be construed as**
3 **supplemental to the basic description of the subdivision, line,**
4 **or corner contained in the official plats and field notes filed of**
5 **record; and**
6 **(2) in the event of any conflict, the description by reference to**
7 **the subdivision, line, or corner of the United States land**
8 **surveys, other original pertinent surveys, or subdivisions**
9 **prevails over the description by coordinates.**

10 SECTION 10. IC 34-30-2.1-87.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
11 CODE AS A NEW SECTIONLS6725 TO READ AS FOLLOWS
12 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 87.2. IC 8-23-2-12.7 (Concerning**
13 **contractors providing construction engineering inspection services**
14 **to the Indiana department of transportation).**

15 SECTION 11. **An emergency is declared for this act.**

