

# PROPOSED AMENDMENT

## SB 187 # 3

### DIGEST

Regional water, sewage, and solid waste districts. Replaces the phrase "in consultation with" with "after first notifying in writing" in SECTIONS 1 and 3 of the current bill. Revises the current bill's provision regarding the prohibition on a regional water, sewage, and solid waste district's (district) ability to incur any indebtedness without first obtaining the approval of the county fiscal body to require: (1) for a district containing territory in more than one county, the district must first obtain the approval of each county fiscal body in which the district contains territory (instead of the county fiscal body of the county that contains more than 50% of the district's service area); and (2) county fiscal body approval or denial of a district's request to incur indebtedness not later than 60 days after the date the district makes a request to the county fiscal body to incur the indebtedness. Removes the provision urging the legislative council to assign to the appropriate interim study committee the task of studying whether to transfer administrative duties related to regional water, sewage, or solid waste districts.

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1       Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new  
2       paragraph and insert:

3       "SECTION 1. IC 13-11-2-107.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
4       CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
5       [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 107.3. "Indebtedness", for**  
6       **purposes of IC 13-26-10-0.5, has the meaning set forth in**  
7       **IC 13-26-10-0.5(a).".**

8       Page 1, line 4, delete "and in consultation with" and insert "**after**  
9       **first notifying in writing".**

10      Page 2, line 10, delete "In consultation with" and insert "**After first**  
11      **notifying in writing".**

12      Page 6, delete lines 16 through 33, begin a new paragraph and  
13      insert:

14      "SECTION 5. IC 13-26-10-0.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
15      CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
16      [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 0.5. (a) As used in this section,**  
17      **"indebtedness" includes leases, contracts, bonds, and public**  
18      **private partnership obligations.**

19      **(b) A district created after June 30, 2026, may not incur any**  
20      **indebtedness under this chapter without first obtaining the**

1       **approval of the county fiscal body in which the district is located**  
2       **before the district may incur the indebtedness.**

3       **(c) If a district created after June 30, 2026, contains territory in**  
4       **more than one (1) county, the district may not incur any**  
5       **indebtedness under this chapter without first obtaining the**  
6       **approval of the county fiscal body of each county in which the**  
7       **district contains territory before the district may incur the**  
8       **indebtedness.**

9       **(d) A county fiscal body must approve or deny the district's**  
10      **request to incur indebtedness under subsection (b) or (c)**  
11      **(whichever applies) not later than sixty (60) days after the date the**  
12      **district makes a request to the county fiscal body to incur the**  
13      **indebtedness.".**

14      Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

          (Reference is to SB 187 as printed January 14, 2026.)