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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning agriculture and animals.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 14-32-4-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.129-2011,
2 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) The governing body of a district consists of
4 five (5) supervisors as follows:
5 (1) Two (2) who are appointed.
6 (2) Three (3) who are elected.
7 (b) To hold the position of elected supervisor, an individual:
8 (1) must be an occupier of a tract of land that is located within
9 the district;
10 (2) must maintain the individual's permanent residence within
11 the district; **and**
12 (3) must be qualified by training and experience to perform the
13 duties that this article imposes on supervisors; **and**
14 **(4) must complete training provided by the division of soil**
15 **conservation within a year of being placed on the governing**
16 **body of a district.**
17 (c) To hold the position of appointed supervisor, an individual:

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9 SECTION 2. IC 14-32-4-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.129-2011,
10 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
11 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) During the first quarter of each calendar
12 year, each district shall hold an annual meeting of all land occupiers in
13 the district. The meeting shall be held on a date designated by the
14 supervisors. The supervisors shall give due notice of the time and place
15 of the meeting.

16 (b) At the meeting:

1 (1) other cooperating agencies;
2 (2) residents of the district; and
3 (3) any other individual or entity that requests a copy of the
4 annual report.

33 SECTION 3. IC 14-32-4-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
34 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) The election held
35 at the annual meeting of land occupiers shall be conducted by an
36 election committee appointed under this section.

39 (1) Appoint an election committee made up of a supervisor as
40 chairman and two (2) ~~interested~~ citizens **who reside in the**
41 **county.**

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Associate supervisors and staff of the division of soil conservation shall not serve on the election committee.

SECTION 4. IC 14-32-4-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.129-2011, SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. **(a)** The election committee appointed under section 7 of this chapter shall do the following:

12 (2) Contact and ascertain the willingness and ability of each
13 individual to serve if elected.

21 (5) After nominations are closed:

22 (A) if only one (1) candidate is nominated, allow for the
23 election of the sole candidate by the land occupiers by a
24 show of hands; and

25 (B) if more than one (1) candidate is nominated, distribute
26 a ballot to each land occupier present at the meeting.

27 (6) If a ballot is distributed, collect and count the ballots after
28 each land occupier present at the meeting has had an opportunity
29 to vote.

30 (7) Report the results of the election to the chairman.

(b) If an election committee does not fulfill the requirements of subsection (a):

(1) no election shall be held; and

(2) the governing body of a district shall fill the positions in the manner described by section 13 of this chapter.

36 SECTION 5. IC 14-32-4-10.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.175-2006,
37 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
38 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10.5. (a) The ~~board~~ **governing body of a district**
39 may appoint associate supervisors to assist in performing duties in each
40 district.

41 (b) Associate supervisors are nonvoting members of the **board**
42 **governing body of a district** and may not hold officer positions on the

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1 **board; governing body of a district.**

2 (c) Associate supervisors may be reimbursed for approved
3 expenses but are not entitled to per diem.

4 SECTION 6. IC 14-32-4-13 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
5 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 13. (a) If a vacancy in
6 the position of elected supervisor occurs during the district's operating
7 year:

8 (1) the district supervisors shall, within thirty (30) days after the
9 vacancy occurs, recommend to the board in writing one (1) or
10 more individuals qualified to fill the position;
11 (2) at the first board meeting held after the board receives a
12 recommendation under subdivision (1), the board shall act upon
13 the recommendation and appoint an individual to temporarily fill
14 the vacancy; and
15 (3) the board shall notify the supervisors of the appointment
16 made by the board.

17 (b) The individual appointed to temporarily fill a vacancy under
18 subsection (a) shall serve until the district's next annual meeting.

19 (c) At the annual meeting immediately following the appointment
20 of an individual to temporarily fill a vacant elected supervisor's
21 position, the position shall be filled through the regular election
22 procedure set forth in sections 6 through 9 of this chapter.

23 **(d) If three (3) or more vacant unexpired terms occur
24 simultaneously in the district, the board shall make appointments
25 to fill the vacancies.**

26 SECTION 7. IC 14-32-5-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.120-2008,
27 SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
28 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) As used in this section, "landfill" means a
29 facility where solid waste is to be disposed of through placement on or
30 beneath the surface of the ground. However, the term does not include
31 any of the following:

32 (1) A land application operation regulated under 327 IAC 6.
33 (2) A surface impoundment.
34 (3) An injection well.

35 (4) A facility for the disposal of solid waste other than sludge
36 from a municipal wastewater treatment plant that is:

37 (A) generated at the site of the facility; or
38 (B) generated by the owner or operator of the facility.

39 (5) An operation permitted under IC 14-34.

40 (b) As used in this section, "underground injection" means the
41 subsurface emplacement of fluids through:

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1 (1) a bored, drilled, or driven shaft; or
2 (2) a dug hole, the depth of which is greater than the hole's
3 largest surface dimension.

4 (c) A district shall inspect every landfill located within the
5 boundaries of the district for compliance with rules adopted under
6 IC 13-18 or IC 13-19 concerning erosion and sediment control. Each
7 landfill shall be inspected under this section at least two (2) times each
8 calendar year as follows:

9 (1) One (1) time before July 1.
10 (2) One (1) time after June 30 and before December 31.

11 (d) Not later than ten (10) days after an inspection of a landfill
12 under this section, the individual who conducted the inspection on
13 behalf of the district shall prepare a written report on the results of the
14 inspection and send the report to the following:
15 (1) The executive of the county.
16 (2) The commissioner of the department of environmental
17 management.
18 (3) The director of the division of soil conservation established
19 within the Indiana state department of agriculture by
20 IC 15-11-4-1.

21 SECTION 8. IC 14-32-8-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.95-2016,
22 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
23 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) In addition to funds provided to a district
24 under section 7 of this chapter or from any other source, the division of
25 soil conservation shall pay to the district one dollar (\$1) for every one
26 dollar (\$1) the district receives:
27 (1) from a political subdivision; or
28 (2) if a district receives no funding from a political subdivision,
29 from any other funding source.
30 The board shall consider funds received from a source referred to in
31 subdivision (2) as qualifying for matching payments under this
32 subsection.
33 (b) Except as provided in section 8.2 of this chapter, the state is
34 not obligated to match more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) under
35 this section.
36 (c) In order to receive funding under this section each year, a
37 district must certify to the division of soil conservation the amount of
38 money the district received from all sources described in subsection
39 (a)(1) or (a)(2) during the one (1) year period beginning January 1 of
40 the previous year. The information prepared under this subsection must
41 be part of the annual financial statement prepared and provided to the

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1 board under IC 14-32-4-22. The division of soil conservation shall
 2 make distributions under this section not later than July 15 of each
 3 year.

4 (d) Before making distributions under this section, the division of
 5 soil conservation shall determine the total amount of money that has
 6 been certified by all districts as having been provided by sources
 7 described in subsection (a)(1) or (a)(2). If the cumulative amount to be
 8 distributed to all districts exceeds the amount appropriated to the fund,
 9 the division of soil conservation shall reduce the distribution to each
 10 district proportionately.

11 (e) A district must spend money received under this section for the
 12 purposes of the district.

13 (f) **If a district fails to provide a copy of its annual financial
 14 statement to the board by March 1, the district's funding shall be
 15 withheld until the financial statement is received by the board.**

16 SECTION 9. IC 15-11-2-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.9-2018,
 17 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 18 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) As used in this section, "biomass" means
 19 agriculturally based sources of renewable energy, including the
 20 following:

- 21 (1) Agricultural crops.
- 22 (2) Agricultural wastes and residues.
- 23 (3) Wood and wood byproducts, including the following:
 - 24 (A) Wood residue.
 - 25 (B) Forest thinning.
 - 26 (C) Mill residue wood.
- 27 (4) Animal wastes.
- 28 (5) Animal byproducts.
- 29 (6) Aquatic plants.
- 30 (7) Algae.

31 The term does not include waste from construction and demolition.

32 (b) The department shall do the following:

- 33 (1) Provide administrative and staff support for the following:
 - 34 (A) The state fair board for purposes of carrying out the
 director's duties under IC 15-13-5.
 - 35 (B) The Indiana corn marketing council for purposes of
 administering the duties of the director under IC 15-15-12.
 - 36 (C) The Indiana dairy industry development board for
 purposes of administering the duties of the director under
 IC 15-18-5.
- 37 (D) The Indiana land resources council under IC 15-12-5.



1 **(D)** The Indiana grain buyers and warehouse licensing
2 agency under IC 26-3-7.
3 **(E)** The Indiana grain indemnity corporation under
4 IC 26-4-3.
5 **(F)** The division.
6 (2) Administer the election of state fair board members under
7 IC 15-13-5.
8 (3) Administer state programs and laws promoting agricultural
9 trade.
10 (4) Administer state livestock or agriculture marketing grant
11 programs.
12 (5) Administer economic development efforts for agriculture by
13 doing the following:
14 (A) Promoting value added agricultural resources.
15 (B) Marketing Indiana agriculture to businesses
16 internationally.
17 (C) Assisting Indiana agricultural businesses with
18 developing partnerships with the Indiana economic
19 development corporation.
20 (D) Soliciting private funding for selective economic
21 development and trade initiatives.
22 (E) Providing for the orderly economic development and
23 growth of Indiana's agricultural economy.
24 (F) Facilitating the use of biomass and algae production
25 systems to generate renewable energy.
26 (6) Carry out the department's duties under IC 23-15-12.
27 SECTION 10. IC 15-12-5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
28 2026]. (Indiana Land Resources Council).

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