



February 17, 2026

ENGROSSED
SENATE BILL No. 232

DIGEST OF SB 232 (Updated February 17, 2026 8:51 am - DI 140)

Citations Affected: IC 36-1.

Synopsis: Real property appraisals. Allows the city of Gary to hire an appraiser to conduct appraisals of residential and commercial properties to assist the city with disposing of the city's real property. Prohibits an employee or appointed or elected official of the city from purchasing property that is appraised by the appraiser.

Effective: July 1, 2026.

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Randolph Lonnie M, Jackson L,
Taylor G, Yoder, Bohacek
(HOUSE SPONSORS — OLTHOFF, HARRIS)

January 8, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government.
January 15, 2026, reported favorably — Do Pass.
January 22, 2026, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.
January 23, 2026, engrossed.
January 26, 2026, read third time, passed. Yeas 44, nays 0.

HOUSE ACTION

January 28, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government.
February 17, 2026, reported — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 36-1-11-19 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2026]: **Sec. 19. (a) This section applies to a city having a**
4 **population of more than sixty-nine thousand (69,000) and less than**
5 **sixty-nine thousand five hundred (69,500).**
6 **(b) A city may hire an appraiser to conduct a series of**
7 **appraisals of:**
8 **(1) ten (10) residential properties, located throughout the city;**
9 **and**
10 **(2) ten (10) commercial properties of not less than five (5)**
11 **acres, located throughout the city;**
12 **each year to assist the city with disposing of the city's real**
13 **property. An appraisal conducted under this section may be used**
14 **by the city to meet the appraisal requirements under section 4(b)**
15 **of this chapter and IC 36-7-14-22.7(b).**
16 **(c) The city shall post the following information on the city's**
17 **website, updated on an annual basis, after receiving appraisals**

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1 **under subsection (b):**
2 **(1) The average value per square foot of the appraised**
3 **residential properties.**
4 **(2) The average value per acre of the appraised commercial**
5 **properties.**
6 **The city may use the average values under this subsection to**
7 **establish a minimum offering price for the sale of the city's**
8 **residential and commercial properties during the applicable year.**
9 **(d) An employee or appointed or elected officer of the city may**
10 **not purchase a residential or commercial property for which an**
11 **appraisal is conducted by an appraiser hired under this chapter.**
12 **(e) This section expires December 31, 2029.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Local Government, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 232, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is to SB 232 as introduced.)

BUCK, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0

SENATE MOTION

Mr. President: I move that Senate Bill 232 be amended to read as follows:

Page 2, between lines 8 and 9, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(d) An employee or appointed or elected officer of the city may not purchase a residential or commercial property for which an appraisal is conducted by an appraiser hired under this chapter."

Page 2, line 9, delete "(d)" and insert "(e)".

(Reference is to SB 232 as printed January 16, 2026.)

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Local Government, to which was referred Senate Bill 232, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 232 as reprinted January 23, 2026.)

MAY

Committee Vote: Yeas 13, Nays 0

