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# HOUSE MOTION \_\_\_\_\_

MR. SPEAKER:

I move that Engrossed Senate Bill 270 be amended to read as follows:

- 1       Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new
- 2       paragraph and insert:
- 3       "SECTION 1. IC 36-1.5-4-4.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
- 4       CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 5       [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025 (RETROACTIVE)]: **Sec. 4.5. (a) This**
- 6       **section applies to a reorganization that has begun under this**
- 7       **chapter after November 1, 2025, and before November 30, 2025.**
- 8       **(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the**
- 9       **legislative body of a county may not unilaterally require a unit**
- 10       **participating in a reorganization under this chapter to be added to**
- 11       **an existing fire protection district:**
- 12       **(1) during negotiations regarding the reorganization among**
- 13       **the participating units;**
- 14       **(2) after the date on which a plan of reorganization is finally**
- 15       **adopted by all participating units; or**
- 16       **(3) as part of a reorganization in a finally approved plan of**
- 17       **reorganization.**
- 18       **(c) This section expires January 1, 2027."**
- 19       Page 2, line 19, delete "population" and insert "**population, as**
- 20       **determined by the most recent federal decennial census,".**
- 21       Page 2, line 32, delete "14" and insert "13".

1 Page 4, delete lines 20 through 23, begin a new line block indented  
2 and insert:

3 **"(7) The balance of a fund for which the township imposes**  
4 **property taxes that are not subject to the maximum ad**  
5 **valorem levy limits under IC 6-1.1-18.5 to pay for debt service**  
6 **shall be transferred to the fund of the recipient municipality**  
7 **for which the recipient municipality imposes property taxes**  
8 **that are not subject to the maximum ad valorem levy limits**  
9 **under IC 6-1.1-18.5 to pay for debt service. If the recipient**  
10 **municipality does not have such a fund as of January 1, 2029,**  
11 **the designated unit shall establish the fund. If a township has**  
12 **more than one fund for which the township imposes property**  
13 **taxes that are not subject to the maximum ad valorem levy**  
14 **limits under IC 6-1.1-18.5 to pay for debt service, then the**  
15 **designated unit shall establish one fund for each fund for**  
16 **which the township imposes property taxes that are not**  
17 **subject to the maximum ad valorem levy limitations under**  
18 **IC 6-1.1-18.5 to pay for debt service."**

19 Page 4, line 24, delete "30" and insert "29".

20 Page 4, delete lines 29 through 42, begin a new paragraph and  
21 insert:

22 **"Sec. 13. (a) The legislative body of a designated township:**

23 **(1) at least eighty percent (80%) of the township's boundaries**  
24 **coincide with a municipality's boundaries; and**

25 **(2) at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the township's**  
26 **population resides within the corporate boundaries of a**  
27 **municipality described in subdivision (1);**

28 **shall adopt a resolution not later than October 1, 2027, that**  
29 **proposes a reorganization with the municipality described in this**  
30 **subsection.**

31 **(b) The township trustee of the designated township shall certify**  
32 **the resolution to:**

33 **(1) the county clerk; and**

34 **(2) if the recipient municipality is a municipality, the clerk of**  
35 **the municipality.**

36 **(c) The recipient municipality and the designated township shall**  
37 **appoint a joint board under section 15 of this chapter."**

38 Page 5, delete lines 1 through 6.

39 Page 5, line 7, delete "15." and insert "14."

40 Page 5, line 8, delete "14" and insert "13".

41 Page 5, line 10, delete "16" and insert "15".

42 Page 5, line 16, delete "16." and insert "15."

43 Page 6, line 3, delete "17." and insert "16."

44 Page 6, line 10, delete "18." and insert "17."

45 Page 6, line 17, delete "19." and insert "18."

46 Page 7, line 21, delete "20." and insert "19."

- 1 Page 7, line 32, delete "2028." and insert "**2029.**".
- 2 Page 7, line 35, delete "2028" and insert "**2029**".
- 3 Page 7, line 38, delete "2029" and insert "**2030**".
- 4 Page 7, line 39, delete "21." and insert "**20.**".
- 5 Page 8, line 6, delete "29" and insert "**28**".
- 6 Page 8, line 21, delete "22." and insert "**21.**".
- 7 Page 8, line 34, delete "23." and insert "**22.**".
- 8 Page 8, line 36, delete "22" and insert "**21**".
- 9 Page 8, line 41, delete "24." and insert "**23.**".
- 10 Page 8, line 42, delete "22 and 23" and insert "**21 and 22**".
- 11 Page 9, line 5, delete "25." and insert "**24.**".
- 12 Page 9, line 8, delete "26." and insert "**25.**".
- 13 Page 9, line 21, delete "27." and insert "**26.**".
- 14 Page 10, line 2, delete "28." and insert "**27.**".
- 15 Page 10, line 13, delete "29." and insert "**28.**".
- 16 Page 10, line 21, delete "30." and insert "**29.**".
- 17 Page 10, line 35, delete "31." and insert "**30.**".
- 18 Page 11, line 6, delete "28" and insert "**27**".
- 19 Page 11, line 27, delete "2028;" and insert "**2029;**".
- 20 Page 11, line 30, delete "32." and insert "**31.**".
- 21 Page 12, line 6, delete "33." and insert "**32.**".
- 22 Page 13, line 22, delete "34." and insert "**33.**".
- 23 Page 15, line 11, delete "IC 36-6-1.6." and insert "**IC 36-6-1.7.**".
- 24 Page 15, line 13, delete "IC 36-6-1.6:" and insert "**IC 36-6-1.7:**".
- 25 Page 18, line 24, after "election." insert "**The election division (as**
- 26 **defined in IC 3-5-2.1-37) shall, in consultation with the department,**
- 27 **provide information available to the election division necessary for**
- 28 **the department to carry out the requirements of this subdivision.**".
- 29 Page 18, line 38, after "election." insert "**The election division (as**
- 30 **defined in IC 3-5-2.1-37) shall, in consultation with the department,**
- 31 **provide information available to the election division necessary for**
- 32 **the department to carry out the requirements of this subdivision.**".
- 33 Page 20, line 13, after "14." insert "**(a)**".
- 34 Page 20, between lines 29 and 30, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 35 "**(b) The department may require a county executive to report**
- 36 **actions taken by a county executive under subsection (a) to the**
- 37 **department in a manner and on forms prescribed by the**
- 38 **department.**".
- 39 Page 21, line 23, after "IC 6-1.1-17-16." insert "**The department**
- 40 **shall not approve a new township government's maximum**
- 41 **permissible ad valorem property tax levy under IC 6-1.1-18.5 for**
- 42 **taxes first due and payable in 2029 that exceeds the result of:**
- 43 **(1) the sum of the maximum permissible ad valorem property**
- 44 **tax levies of the designated townships and recipient township**
- 45 **participating in the merger for taxes first due and payable in**
- 46 **2028; multiplied by**

- 1           **(2) the maximum levy growth quotient under IC 6-1.1-18.5-2**
- 2           **for property taxes first due and payable in 2029."**
- 3           Page 22, line 27, delete "report" and insert "**report, on a form**
- 4           **prescribed by the department,"**.
- 5           Page 23, line 13, delete "computer gateway established by the" and
- 6           insert "**department's computer gateway established under**
- 7           **IC 5-14-3.8-3,"**.
- 8           Page 23, line 14, delete "office of technology,".
- 9           Page 23, line 14, delete "pre-budget" and insert "**manner"**.
- 10          Page 23, line 15, delete "survey".
- 11          Page 26, line 4, delete "(a) This section applies to a county having
- 12          a".
- 13          Page 26, delete lines 5 through 6.
- 14          Page 26, line 7, delete "(b)" and insert "**(a)"**.
- 15          Page 26, run in lines 4 through 7.
- 16          Page 26, line 8, delete "both" and insert "**all"**.
- 17          Page 26, between lines 13 and 14, begin a new line block indented
- 18          and insert:
- 19               **"(3) The township board for that township has adopted a**
- 20               **resolution approving the transfer of duties of the township**
- 21               **assessor to the county assessor.**
- 22               **(4) The township trustee for that township has approved, in**
- 23               **writing, the transfer of duties of the township assessor to the**
- 24               **county assessor."**
- 25          Page 26, line 14, delete "(c)" and insert "**(b)"**.
- 26          Page 26, line 15, delete "(b):" and insert "**(a):"**.
- 27          Page 26, line 34, delete "(d)" and insert "**(c)"**.
- 28          Page 26, line 35, delete "(b)" and insert "**(a)"**.
- 29          Page 26, between lines 37 and 38, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 30               **"(d) This section expires January 2, 2027."**
- 31          Re-number all SECTIONS consecutively.
- (Reference is to ESB 270 as printed February 18, 2026.)

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Representative Slager