

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

SB 270 # 13

DIGEST

Township assessor. Allows the county council in a specified county to adopt a resolution to transfer the duties of a township assessor to the county assessor if: (1) the office of township assessor has been vacant for at least 90 days; and (2) a caucus was held but failed to fill the vacancy. Establishes requirements for the transfer of duties.

- 1 Page 26, between lines 1 and 2, begin a new paragraph and insert:
2 "SECTION 11. IC 36-6-5-5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
3 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
4 1, 2026]: **Sec. 5. (a) This section applies to a county having a
5 population of more than two hundred thousand (200,000) and less
6 than two hundred fifty thousand (250,000).**
7 **(b) The county fiscal body may adopt a resolution to transfer
8 the duties of a township assessor to the county assessor if both of
9 the following apply:**
10 **(1) The office of township assessor has been vacant for at least
11 ninety (90) days.**
12 **(2) A caucus was held under IC 3-13-11 but failed to fill the
13 vacancy described in subdivision (1).**
14 **(c) The following apply in a county in which the county fiscal
15 body adopts a resolution under subsection (b):**
16 **(1) The office of township assessor for that township is
17 abolished.**
18 **(2) All the powers and duties of the township assessor are
19 transferred to the county assessor of the county in which the
20 township is located.**
21 **(3) All of the following are transferred to the county assessor:**
22 **(A) All employment positions of all employees of the
23 township assessor.**
24 **(B) The real and personal property of the township
25 assessor.**
26 **(C) The outstanding obligations of the township assessor.**

- 1 **(D) The funds of the township assessor.**
- 2 **(4) The county auditor shall transfer to the county assessor all**
- 3 **revenue received by the township:**
- 4 **(A) through the date that the office of the township**
- 5 **assessor becomes vacant; and**
- 6 **(B) for the purpose of carrying out property assessment**
- 7 **duties.**
- 8 **(d) The county fiscal body shall include in the resolution**
- 9 **adopted under subsection (b) any additional items necessary to**
- 10 **effectuate the transfer of duties from the township assessor to the**
- 11 **county assessor."**

12 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
 (Reference is to SB 270 as printed February 17, 2026.)