

Second Regular Session of the 124th General Assembly (2026)

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## SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. 284

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AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

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

SECTION 1. IC 36-8-29.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]:

**Chapter 29.1. Law Enforcement Civilian Oversight Boards and Commissions**

**Sec. 1. This chapter applies to all units.**

**Sec. 2. This chapter does not apply to a merit board or commission established under IC 36-8-3.5.**

**Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "law enforcement agency" has the meaning set forth in IC 35-31.5-2-183.**

**Sec. 4. Except as provided in section 2 of this chapter, any type of law enforcement civilian oversight board or commission or any other entity established by a unit to provide civilian oversight over a law enforcement agency in existence on July 1, 2026, or established after June 30, 2026, may operate only in an advisory capacity to the applicable law enforcement agency and does not have binding authority over the law enforcement agency.**

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President of the Senate

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President Pro Tempore

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Governor of the State of Indiana

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