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## SENATE BILL No. 284

Proposed Changes to introduced printing by AM028401

### DIGEST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Civilian oversight boards. Provides that the bill applies to a civilian oversight board in existence on July 1, 2026, or established after June 30, 2026.

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 36-8-29.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2026]:  
4 **Chapter 29.1. Law Enforcement Civilian Oversight Boards**  
5 **and Commissions**  
6 **Sec. 1. This chapter applies to all units.**  
7 **Sec. 2. This chapter does not apply to a merit board or**  
8 **commission established under IC 36-8-3.5.**  
9 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "law enforcement agency" has**  
10 **the meaning set forth in IC 35-31.5-2-183.**  
11 **Sec. 4. Except as provided in section 2 of this chapter, any type**  
12 **of law enforcement civilian oversight board or commission or any**  
13 **other entity established by a unit to provide civilian oversight over**  
14 **a law enforcement agency in existence on July 1, 2026, or**  
15 **established after June 30, 2026, may operate only in an advisory**  
16 **capacity to the applicable law enforcement agency and does not**  
17 **have binding authority over the law enforcement agency.**  
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