
HOUSE BILL No. 1236

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 34-10-1-2

Synopsis: Indigent parties in civil actions. Allows a court the option of appointing an attorney at no expense to an indigent person to represent the indigent person's interests in a civil action. Applies only if the court determines that the indigent person does not have sufficient means to prosecute or defend the action.

Effective: July 1, 2001.

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January 9, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code.

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Introduced

First Regular Session 112th General Assembly (2001)

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 2000 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning courts and court officers.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 34-10-1-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 2. If the court is
3 satisfied that a person who makes an application described in section
4 1 of this chapter does not have sufficient means to prosecute or defend
5 the action, the court ~~shall~~ **may**:
6 (1) admit the applicant to prosecute or defend as an indigent
7 person; and
8 (2) assign an attorney to defend or prosecute the cause.
9 All officers required to prosecute or defend the action shall do their
10 duty in the case without taking any fee or reward from the indigent
11 person.

