

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
DIGEST FOR ESB 152**

Citations Affected: IC 4-3; IC 5-11; IC 36-1.

Synopsis: Municipal and county public works projects. Conference committee report for ESB 152. Provides that the workforce of a municipality or a county may perform certain public works projects if the cost of the project is estimated to be less than \$150,000. Gives a public works contractor discretion to have the board that contracts for the public work to: (1) hold the retainage; or (2) place the retainage in an escrow account. Provides that the board shall not be required to pay interest on the retainage that the board holds. Provides that if the cost of public work by a municipal or county hospital is less than \$75,000, the hospital may have the work done without receiving bids and by means of its own workforce. Specifies notice and public meeting requirements that must be satisfied before a public work project may be performed by the municipality's or county's own workforce. Adds requirements for examination reports prepared by the state board of accounts concerning public work projects performed by the municipality's or county's own workforce. (This conference committee report eliminates the requirement that the auditor withhold from motor vehicle highway account funds an amount equal to the excess costs of a public work project incurred in the preceding fiscal year.)

Effective: July 1, 2002.

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MR. PRESIDENT:

Your Conference Committee appointed to confer with a like committee from the House upon Engrossed House Amendments to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 152 respectfully reports that said two committees have conferred and agreed as follows to wit:

that the Senate recede from its dissent from all House amendments and that the Senate now concur in all House amendments to the bill and that the bill be further amended as follows:

- 1 Page 6, delete lines 31 through 42.
- 2 Delete page 7.
(Reference is to ESB 152 as printed February 22, 2002.)

Conference Committee Report
on
Engrossed Senate Bill 152

Signed by:

Senator Wheeler
Chairperson

Representative Stilwell

Senator Hume

Representative Borrer

Senate Conferees

House Conferees