

SENATE BILL No. 433

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 1-2-12.

Synopsis: State poet laureate. Establishes a process for selecting a state poet laureate. Specifies the duties and compensation of the poet laureate. Provides that the person honored as the poet laureate by the house of representatives in 2002 is entitled to serve as the initial poet laureate.

Effective: July 1, 2005.

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January 13, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.

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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.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning the arts.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 1-2-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2005]:

4 **Chapter 12. State Poet Laureate**

5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the**
6 **Indiana arts commission established by IC 4-23-2-1.**

7 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "selection committee" refers to**
8 **the committee described in section 4 of this chapter.**

9 **Sec. 3. The poet laureate of Indiana shall be selected under this**
10 **chapter.**

11 **Sec. 4. (a) The selection committee consists of the following eight**
12 **(8) members:**

13 **(1) One (1) member of the faculty from each of the following**
14 **institutions:**

- 15 **(A) Ball State University.**
- 16 **(B) Earlham College.**
- 17 **(C) Hanover College.**



- 1 **(D) Indiana University.**
- 2 **(E) University of Notre Dame.**
- 3 **(F) Purdue University.**
- 4 **(G) University of Southern Indiana.**
- 5 **(2) The executive director of the commission.**
- 6 **(b) The president of each of the institutions listed in subsection**
- 7 **(a)(1) shall name a faculty member to serve on the selection**
- 8 **committee. The faculty member must:**
- 9 **(1) be a member of the fine arts or English department of the**
- 10 **institution; and**
- 11 **(2) teach writing.**
- 12 **(c) The executive director of the commission:**
- 13 **(1) is the chair of; and**
- 14 **(2) shall establish the meeting times and dates for;**
- 15 **the selection committee.**
- 16 **Sec. 5. The selection committee shall do the following:**
- 17 **(1) Meet on a biennial basis to select the poet laureate.**
- 18 **(2) Determine a method of selecting the poet laureate.**
- 19 **(3) Select a poet laureate not later than December 1 of each**
- 20 **odd-numbered year.**
- 21 **(4) Permit a person to be selected as poet laureate even if the**
- 22 **person has previously served as poet laureate.**
- 23 **Sec. 6. A person selected as poet laureate serves a two (2) year**
- 24 **term that begins January 1 following the poet laureate's selection.**
- 25 **Sec. 7. (a) The poet laureate shall do the following:**
- 26 **(1) Make a formal appearance at schools, libraries, and other**
- 27 **educational facilities in at least twenty-three (23) different**
- 28 **Indiana counties during each year of the poet laureate's term.**
- 29 **(2) Attempt to schedule most of the appearances required**
- 30 **under this section during April (National Poetry Month) of**
- 31 **each year.**
- 32 **(3) Offer advice to the commission concerning ways to further**
- 33 **the art of poetry in Indiana.**
- 34 **(4) Represent Indiana and the art of poetry to the education**
- 35 **community and the public in an enthusiastic and respectful**
- 36 **manner.**
- 37 **(b) The department of education shall assist the poet laureate in**
- 38 **scheduling the poet laureate's appearances in educational facilities**
- 39 **and at other appropriate events.**
- 40 **Sec. 8. (a) The commission may pay an annual honorarium of**
- 41 **two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) to the poet laureate.**
- 42 **(b) The commission may pay a per diem to the poet laureate for**

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1 each day that the poet laureate makes an appearance under this
2 chapter.

3 (c) The commission may pay travel expenses to a member of the
4 selection committee, unless the member's institution reimburses
5 the member for the expenses.

6 Sec. 9. All expenses and other payments permitted under this
7 chapter shall be paid from appropriations to or other funds of the
8 commission.

9 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005] (a) The person honored
10 as poet laureate of Indiana by the house of representatives in
11 House Resolution 73-2002 is entitled to serve as the initial poet
12 laureate of Indiana under IC 1-2-12, as added by this act, until
13 December 31, 2005.

14 (b) This SECTION expires January 1, 2006.

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