

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
DIGEST FOR ESB 433**

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. **(This conference committee report removes provisions concerning the School for the Blind and the School for the Deaf.)**

Effective: July 1, 2005.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

Your Conference Committee appointed to confer with a like committee from the House upon Engrossed House Amendments to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 433 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 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:
2 SECTION 1. IC 1-2-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
3 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
4 1, 2005]:
5 **Chapter 12. State Poet Laureate**
6 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the**
7 **Indiana arts commission established by IC 4-23-2-1.**
8 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "selection committee" refers to**
9 **the committee described in section 4 of this chapter.**
10 **Sec. 3. The poet laureate of Indiana shall be selected under this**
11 **chapter.**
12 **Sec. 4. (a) The selection committee consists of the following eight**
13 **(8) members:**
14 **(1) Seven (7) members selected by the commission who**
15 **represent state supported and private institutions of higher**
16 **education.**
17 **(2) The executive director of the commission.**
18 **(b) The president of each of the institutions selected under**
19 **subsection (a)(1) shall name a faculty member to serve on the**
20 **selection committee. The faculty member must:**
21 **(1) be a member of the fine arts or English department of the**
22 **institution; and**

- 1 (2) teach writing.
- 2 (c) The executive director of the commission:
- 3 (1) is the chair of; and
- 4 (2) shall establish the meeting times and dates for;
- 5 the selection committee.
- 6 **Sec. 5. The selection committee shall do the following:**
- 7 (1) Meet on a biennial basis to select the poet laureate.
- 8 (2) Determine a method of selecting the poet laureate.
- 9 (3) Select a poet laureate not later than December 1 of each
- 10 odd-numbered year.
- 11 (4) Permit a person to be selected as poet laureate even if the
- 12 person has previously served as poet laureate.
- 13 **Sec. 6. A person selected as poet laureate serves a two (2) year**
- 14 **term that begins January 1 following the poet laureate's selection.**
- 15 **Sec. 7. (a) The poet laureate shall do the following:**
- 16 (1) Make a formal appearance at schools, libraries, and other
- 17 educational facilities.
- 18 (2) Offer advice to the commission concerning ways to further
- 19 the art of poetry in Indiana.
- 20 (3) Represent Indiana and the art of poetry to the education
- 21 community and the public.
- 22 (b) The department of education shall assist the poet laureate in
- 23 scheduling the poet laureate's appearances in educational facilities
- 24 and at other appropriate events.
- 25 **Sec. 8. (a) The commission may pay an annual honorarium of two**
- 26 **thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) to the poet laureate.**
- 27 (b) The commission may pay a per diem to the poet laureate for
- 28 each day that the poet laureate makes an appearance under this
- 29 chapter.
- 30 (c) The commission may pay travel expenses to a member of the
- 31 selection committee unless the member's institution reimburses the
- 32 member for the expenses.
- 33 **Sec. 9. All expenses and other payments permitted under this**
- 34 **chapter shall be paid from appropriations to or other funds of the**
- 35 **commission.**
- 36 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005] (a) The person honored
- 37 as poet laureate of Indiana by the house of representatives in House
- 38 Resolution 73-2002 is entitled to serve as the initial poet laureate of
- 39 Indiana under IC 1-2-12, as added by this act, until December 31,
- 40 2005.
- 41 (b) This SECTION expires January 1, 2006.
- (Reference is to ESB 433 as printed March 22, 2005.)

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on
Engrossed Senate Bill 433

Signed by:

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