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# HOUSE BILL No. 1742

DIGEST OF HB 1742 (Updated February 19, 2007 11:35 am - DI 96)

**Citations Affected:** IC 36-9.

**Synopsis:** Northwest Indiana regional bus authority. Provides that LaPorte County or a second class city in LaPorte County shall become a member of the northwest Indiana regional bus authority if the fiscal body of the county or city adopts a resolution authorizing the county or city to become a member of the authority and the board of the bus authority approves the membership of the county or city. Provides that if the county or a city becomes a member of the bus authority, the executive of the county or city shall appoint a member to the bus authority's board and a member to the citizens advisory council.

**Effective:** July 1, 2007.

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January 26, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.  
February 19, 2007, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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First Regular Session 115th General Assembly (2007)

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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 36-9-3-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 3. **Except as provided in section**  
3 **3.5 of this chapter**, the authority may be expanded to include one (1)  
4 or more additional counties or municipalities within the same planning  
5 district if resolutions approving the expansion are adopted by the fiscal  
6 bodies of:  
7 (1) the counties or municipalities to be added to the authority; and  
8 (2) a majority of the counties and municipalities already in the  
9 authority.  
10 SECTION 2. IC 36-9-3-3.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
11 AS A **NEW SECTION** TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
12 1, 2007]: **Sec. 3.5. (a) This section applies to a county with a**  
13 **population of more than one hundred ten thousand (110,000) but**  
14 **less than one hundred fifteen thousand (115,000) and any second**  
15 **class city located in the county.**

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1           **(b) A county or city described in subsection (a) shall become a**  
2 **member of an authority described in section 5(c) of this chapter if**  
3 **the fiscal body of the county or city adopts a resolution authorizing**  
4 **the county or city to become a member of the authority and the**  
5 **board of the authority approves the membership of the county or**  
6 **city.**

7           SECTION 3. IC 36-9-3-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2006,  
8 SECTION 584, AND AS AMENDED BY P.L.169-2006, SECTION  
9 79, IS CORRECTED AND AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
10 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 5. (a) An authority is under the  
11 control of a board (referred to as "the board" in this chapter) that,  
12 except as provided in subsections (b) and (c), consists of:

- 13           (1) two (2) members appointed by the executive of each county in
- 14           the authority;
- 15           (2) one (1) member appointed by the executive of the largest
- 16           municipality in each county in the authority;
- 17           (3) one (1) member appointed by the executive of each second
- 18           class city in a county in the authority; and
- 19           (4) one (1) member from any other political subdivision that has
- 20           public transportation responsibilities in a county in the authority.

21           (b) An authority that includes a consolidated city is under the  
22 control of a board consisting of the following:

- 23           (1) Two (2) members appointed by the executive of the county
- 24           having the consolidated city.
- 25           (2) One (1) member appointed by the board of commissioners of
- 26           the county having the consolidated city.
- 27           (3) One (1) member appointed by the executive of each other
- 28           county in the authority.
- 29           (4) Two (2) members appointed by the governor from a list of at
- 30           least five (5) names provided by the Indianapolis regional
- 31           transportation council.
- 32           (5) One (1) member representing the four (4) largest
- 33           municipalities in the authority located in a county other than a
- 34           county containing a consolidated city. The member shall be
- 35           appointed by the executives of the municipalities acting jointly.
- 36           (6) One (1) member representing the excluded cities located in a
- 37           county containing a consolidated city that are members of the
- 38           authority. The member shall be appointed by the executives of the
- 39           excluded cities acting jointly.
- 40           (7) One (1) member of a labor organization representing
- 41           employees of the authority who provide public transportation
- 42           services within the geographic jurisdiction of the authority. The

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1 labor organization shall appoint the member.  
 2 (c) An authority that includes a county having a population of more  
 3 than four hundred thousand (400,000) but less than seven hundred  
 4 thousand (700,000) is under the control of a board consisting of the  
 5 following ~~nineteen (19)~~ *twenty-one (21)* members:  
 6 (1) Three (3) members appointed by the executive of a city with  
 7 a population of more than ninety thousand (90,000) but less than  
 8 one hundred five thousand (105,000).  
 9 (2) Two (2) members appointed by the executive of a city with a  
 10 population of more than seventy-five thousand (75,000) but less  
 11 than ninety thousand (90,000).  
 12 (3) One (1) member jointly appointed by the executives of the  
 13 following municipalities located within a county having a  
 14 population of more than four hundred thousand (400,000) but less  
 15 than seven hundred thousand (700,000):  
 16 (A) A city with a population of more than five thousand one  
 17 hundred thirty-five (5,135) but less than five thousand two  
 18 hundred (5,200).  
 19 (B) A city with a population of more than thirty-two thousand  
 20 (32,000) but less than thirty-two thousand eight hundred  
 21 (32,800).  
 22 (4) One (1) member who is jointly appointed by the fiscal body of  
 23 the following municipalities located within a county with a  
 24 population of more than four hundred thousand (400,000) but less  
 25 than seven hundred thousand (700,000):  
 26 (A) A town with a population of more than fifteen thousand  
 27 (15,000) but less than twenty thousand (20,000).  
 28 (B) A town with a population of more than twenty-three  
 29 thousand (23,000) but less than twenty-four thousand  
 30 (24,000).  
 31 (C) A town with a population of more than twenty thousand  
 32 (20,000) but less than twenty-three thousand (23,000).  
 33 (5) One (1) member who is jointly appointed by the fiscal body of  
 34 the following municipalities located within a county with a  
 35 population of more than four hundred thousand (400,000) but less  
 36 than seven hundred thousand (700,000):  
 37 (A) A town with a population of more than eight thousand  
 38 (8,000) but less than nine thousand (9,000).  
 39 (B) A town with a population of more than twenty-four  
 40 thousand (24,000) but less than thirty thousand (30,000).  
 41 (C) A town with a population of more than twelve thousand  
 42 five hundred (12,500) but less than fifteen thousand (15,000).

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- 1 (6) One (1) member who is jointly appointed by the following
- 2 authorities of municipalities located in a county having a
- 3 population of more than four hundred thousand (400,000) but less
- 4 than seven hundred thousand (700,000):
- 5 (A) The executive of a city with a population of more than
- 6 nineteen thousand eight hundred (19,800) but less than
- 7 twenty-one thousand (21,000).
- 8 (B) The fiscal body of a town with a population of more than
- 9 nine thousand (9,000) but less than twelve thousand five
- 10 hundred (12,500).
- 11 (C) The fiscal body of a town with a population of more than
- 12 five thousand (5,000) but less than eight thousand (8,000).
- 13 (D) The fiscal body of a town with a population of less than
- 14 one thousand five hundred (1,500).
- 15 (E) The fiscal body of a town with a population of more than
- 16 two thousand two hundred (2,200) but less than five thousand
- 17 (5,000).
- 18 (7) One (1) member appointed by the fiscal body of a town with
- 19 a population of more than thirty thousand (30,000) located within
- 20 a county with a population of more than four hundred thousand
- 21 (400,000) but less than seven hundred thousand (700,000).
- 22 (8) One (1) member who is jointly appointed by the following
- 23 authorities of municipalities that are located within a county with
- 24 a population of more than four hundred thousand (400,000) but
- 25 less than seven hundred thousand (700,000):
- 26 (A) The executive of a city having a population of more than
- 27 twenty-five thousand (25,000) but less than twenty-seven
- 28 thousand (27,000).
- 29 (B) The executive of a city having a population of more than
- 30 thirteen thousand nine hundred (13,900) but less than fourteen
- 31 thousand two hundred (14,200).
- 32 (C) The fiscal body of a town having a population of more
- 33 than one thousand five hundred (1,500) but less than two
- 34 thousand two hundred (2,200).
- 35 (9) Three (3) members appointed by the fiscal body of a county
- 36 with a population of more than four hundred thousand (400,000)
- 37 but less than seven hundred thousand (700,000).
- 38 (10) One (1) member appointed by the county executive of a
- 39 county with a population of more than four hundred thousand
- 40 (400,000) but less than seven hundred thousand (700,000).
- 41 (11) One (1) member of a labor organization representing
- 42 employees of the authority who provide public transportation

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1 services within the geographic jurisdiction of the authority. The  
2 labor organization shall appoint the member. If more than one (1)  
3 labor organization represents the employees of the authority, each  
4 organization shall submit one (1) name to the governor, and the  
5 governor shall appoint the member from the list of names  
6 submitted by the organizations.

7 (12) The executive of a city with a population of more than  
8 twenty-seven thousand four hundred (27,400) but less than  
9 twenty-eight thousand (28,000), located within a county with a  
10 population of more than one hundred forty-five thousand  
11 (145,000) but less than one hundred forty-eight thousand  
12 (148,000), or the executive's designee.

13 (13) The executive of a city with a population of more than  
14 thirty-three thousand (33,000) but less than thirty-six thousand  
15 (36,000), located within a county with a population of more than  
16 one hundred forty-five thousand (145,000) but less than one  
17 hundred forty-eight thousand (148,000), or the executive's  
18 designee.

19 (14) One (1) member of the board of commissioners of a county  
20 with a population of more than one hundred forty-five thousand  
21 (145,000) but less than one hundred forty-eight thousand  
22 (148,000), appointed by the board of commissioners, or the  
23 member's designee.

24 (15) *One (1) member appointed jointly by the township executive*  
25 *of the township containing the following towns:*

- 26 (A) *Chesterton.*
- 27 (B) *Porter.*
- 28 (C) *Burns Harbor.*
- 29 (D) *Dune Acres.*

30 *The member appointed under this subdivision must be a resident*  
31 *of a town listed in this subdivision.*

32 (16) *One (1) member appointed jointly by the township executives*  
33 *of the following townships located in Porter County:*

- 34 (A) *Washington Township.*
- 35 (B) *Morgan Township.*
- 36 (C) *Pleasant Township.*
- 37 (D) *Boone Township.*
- 38 (E) *Union Township.*
- 39 (F) *Porter Township.*
- 40 (G) *Jackson Township.*
- 41 (H) *Liberty Township.*
- 42 (I) *Pine Township.*

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1           *The member appointed under this subdivision must be a resident*  
2           *of a township listed in this subdivision.*

3           **If a county or city becomes a member of the authority under**  
4           **section 3.5 of this chapter, the executive of the county or city shall**  
5           **appoint one (1) member to serve on the board.**

6           SECTION 4. IC 36-9-3-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
7           [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 6. (a) Except as provided in  
8           subsection (d), the appointments required by section 5 of this chapter  
9           must be made as soon as is practical, but not later than sixty (60) days  
10          after the adoption of the ordinance establishing the authority. If any  
11          appointing authority fails to make the required appointment within the  
12          sixty (60) day time limit, the circuit court from the jurisdiction of the  
13          appointing authority shall make the appointment without delay.

14          (b) The term of office of a member of the board is:  
15                (1) two (2) years, for a member of a board located in a county  
16                with a population of more than four hundred thousand (400,000)  
17                but less than seven hundred thousand (700,000); and  
18                (2) four (4) years, for all other boards;

19          and continues until the member's successor has qualified for the office.  
20          A member may be reappointed for successive terms.

21          (c) A member of the board serves at the pleasure of the appointing  
22          authority.

23          (d) An appointment to an authority located in a county with a  
24          population of more than four hundred thousand (400,000) but less than  
25          seven hundred thousand (700,000) must be made not later than sixty  
26          (60) days after the adoption of the ordinance establishing the authority,  
27          or for the purpose of reappointments, sixty (60) days after a scheduled  
28          reappointment. If the appointing authority designated in section 5(c)(3),  
29          5(c)(4), 5(c)(5), 5(c)(6), or 5(c)(8) of this chapter fails to make an  
30          appointment, the appointment shall be made by the governor. **If a**  
31          **county or city becomes a member of the authority under section 3.5**  
32          **of this chapter and the executive of the county or city fails to make**  
33          **an appointment to the board within sixty (60) days after the county**  
34          **or city becomes a member of the authority, the appointment shall**  
35          **be made by the governor.** The governor shall select an individual  
36          from a list comprised of one (1) name from each appointing authority  
37          for that particular appointment.

38          SECTION 5. IC 36-9-3-12.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
39          FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 12.5. (a) This section  
40          applies only to an authority located in a county with a population of  
41          more than four hundred thousand (400,000) but less than seven  
42          hundred thousand (700,000).

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- 1 (b) The board shall establish a citizens advisory council consisting
- 2 of thirteen (13) members appointed as follows:
- 3 (1) Three (3) members appointed by the executive of a city with
- 4 a population of more than ninety thousand (90,000) but less than
- 5 one hundred five thousand (105,000).
- 6 (2) Two (2) members appointed by the executive of a city with a
- 7 population of more than seventy-five thousand (75,000) but less
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- 15 hundred thirty-five (5,135) but less than five thousand two
- 16 hundred (5,200).
- 17 (4) One (1) member selected from a list of citizens submitted by
- 18 community based organizations which advocate for public
- 19 transportation by the fiscal body of the county.
- 20 (5) One (1) member selected from a list of citizens submitted by
- 21 community based organizations which advocate for public
- 22 transportation by the county executive of the county.
- 23 (6) One (1) member who is jointly appointed by the following
- 24 individuals or entities representing municipalities that are located
- 25 within the county:
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- 27 twenty-five thousand (25,000) but less than twenty-seven
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- 31 (10) One (1) member appointed by the fiscal body of a town
- 32 having a population of more than thirty thousand (30,000) located
- 33 in a county having a population of more than four hundred
- 34 thousand (400,000) but less than seven hundred thousand
- 35 (700,000).
- 36 **If a county or city becomes a member of the authority under**
- 37 **section 3.5 of this chapter, the executive of the county or city shall**
- 38 **appoint one (1) member to serve on the citizens advisory council.**
- 39 (c) A member of a citizens advisory council:
- 40 (1) must live in the geographic area represented by the appointing
- 41 authority;
- 42 (2) may not be:

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- 1 (A) an elected official; or
- 2 (B) a public employee of the appointing authority;
- 3 (3) may serve a two (2) year term; and
- 4 (4) may be reappointed to multiple terms.
- 5 (d) The citizens advisory council shall:
- 6 (1) meet at least once every six (6) months;
- 7 (2) review and make recommendations to the board on:
- 8 (A) the authority plan;
- 9 (B) the proposed route and time schedule changes of the
- 10 regional transportation system;
- 11 (C) the authority budget; and
- 12 (D) the hiring of the authority director;
- 13 (3) be responsible for assuring direct citizen input into the
- 14 authority plan; and
- 15 (4) refer all complaints and concerns of citizens to the appropriate
- 16 person or committee within the authority.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Roads and Transportation, to which was referred House Bill 1742, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 1 through 15.

Delete pages 2 through 23.

Page 24, delete lines 1 through 31.

Page 25, line 1, delete "municipality located".

Page 25, line 2, delete "in a".

Page 25, line 4, after "(115,000)" delete "." and insert "**and any second class city located in the county.**".

Page 25, line 5, delete "municipality" and insert "**county or city**".

Page 25, line 7, delete "municipality" and insert "**county or city**".

Page 25, line 8, delete "municipality" and insert "**county or city**".

Page 25, line 8, after "authority" delete "." and insert "**and the board of the authority approves the membership of the county or city.**".

Page 29, line 5, delete "municipality" and insert "**county or city**".

Page 29, line 6, delete "municipality" and insert "**county or city**".

Page 29, line 33, delete "municipality" and insert "**county or city**".

Page 29, line 34, delete "municipality" and insert "**county or city**".

Page 29, line 35, delete "fiscal" and insert "**county or city becomes**".

Page 29, delete line 36.

Page 29, line 37, delete "municipality to become".

Page 29, run in lines 35 through 37.

Page 31, line 39, delete "municipality" and insert "**county or city**".

Page 31, line 40, delete "municipality" and insert "**county or city**".

Page 32, delete lines 20 through 33.

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1742 as introduced.)

AUSTIN, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 10, nays 0.

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