
SENATE BILL No. 12

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 31-15-3-9.

Synopsis: Legal separation. Provides that the separation period granted in an action for legal separation begins: (1) on the date the court issues an order approving the separation agreement, if there is not a contested hearing; or (2) on the date the court grants a separation decree following a contested hearing.

Effective: July 1, 2007.

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January 8, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

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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.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2006 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning family law and juvenile law.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 31-15-3-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 9. **(a)** In an action for
3 legal separation under section 2 of this chapter, the court may grant a
4 decree for a separation of the parties to the marriage for a period not to
5 exceed one (1) year if the court finds that:
6 (1) conditions in or circumstances of the marriage make it
7 currently intolerable for both parties to live together;
8 (2) the marriage should be maintained; and
9 (3) neither party has filed a petition or counter petition for
10 dissolution of marriage under IC 31-15-2 (or IC 31-1-11.5 before
11 its repeal).
12 **(b) The separation period described in subsection (a) begins on**
13 **the date the court:**
14 **(1) issues an order approving the separation agreement, if**
15 **there is not a contested hearing; or**
16 **(2) grants a separation decree following a contested hearing.**

