

# HOUSE BILL No. 1021

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 4-13.6-5-13; IC 5-16-12; IC 8-10-1-31; IC 8-23-9-59; IC 34-13-8; IC 36-1-12-22.

**Synopsis:** Public works projects. Provides that the plans, specifications, and contract documents for a public works project may not require bidders, contractors, or subcontractors to enter into or comply with certain agreements with labor organizations. Provides a cause of action to challenge the award of a contract that violates these provisions.

**Effective:** July 1, 2007.

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

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 4-13.6-5-13 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 3 1, 2007]: **Sec. 13. (a) The plans, specifications, and contract**
- 4 **documents for a public works contract awarded under this chapter**
- 5 **may not do any of the following:**
- 6 (1) **Require a bidder, contractor, or subcontractor to enter**
- 7 **into or comply with an agreement with a labor organization**
- 8 **on the same or a related public works project.**
- 9 (2) **Discriminate against a bidder, contractor, or**
- 10 **subcontractor for refusing to enter into, remain signatory to,**
- 11 **or comply with an agreement with a labor organization on the**
- 12 **same or a related public works project.**
- 13 (3) **Require a bidder, contractor, or subcontractor to enter**
- 14 **into or comply with an agreement that requires an employee**
- 15 **of the bidder, contractor, or subcontractor, as a condition of**
- 16 **employment, to do either of the following:**
- 17 (A) **Become a member of or become affiliated with a labor**



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(B) Over the objection of an employee, pay dues or fees to a labor organization that exceed the employee's share of the labor organization's costs relating to collective bargaining, contract administration, or grievance adjustment.

(b) This section does not prohibit an employer or any other person covered by the federal National Labor Relations Act from entering into agreements or engaging in any other activity protected by law. This section may not be interpreted to interfere with the labor relations of persons covered by the federal National Labor Relations Act.

SECTION 2. IC 5-16-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]:

**Chapter 12. Prohibited Public Works Contract Requirements**

**Sec. 1. (a)** This chapter applies to the plans, specifications, and contract documents for a public works contract awarded by a contracting agency.

(b) This chapter does not prohibit an employer or any other person covered by the federal National Labor Relations Act from entering into agreements or engaging in any other activity protected by law. This chapter may not be interpreted to interfere with the labor relations of persons covered by the federal National Labor Relations Act.

**Sec. 2.** As used in this chapter, "contracting agency" refers to the agency, board, commission, officer, or trustee that enters into a public works contract covered by this article.

**Sec. 3.** Plans, specifications, and contract documents may not do any of the following:

- (1) Require a bidder, contractor, or subcontractor to enter into or comply with an agreement with a labor organization on the same or a related public works project.
- (2) Discriminate against a bidder, contractor, or subcontractor for refusing to enter into, remain signatory to, or comply with an agreement with a labor organization on the same or a related public works project.
- (3) Require a bidder, contractor, or subcontractor to enter into or comply with an agreement that requires an employee of the bidder, contractor, or subcontractor, as a condition of employment, to do either of the following:
  - (A) Become a member of or affiliated with a labor

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(B) Over the objection of an employee, pay dues or fees to a labor organization that exceed the employee's share of the labor organization's costs relating to collective bargaining, contract administration, or grievance adjustment.

SECTION 3. IC 8-10-1-31 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 31. (a) This section applies to a contract for the following:

- (1) Altering, building, constructing, demolishing, improving, or repairing a building or structure by the commission.
- (2) Making an improvement to real property owned by, or leased in the name of, the commission.
- (3) Performing the routine operation, routine repair, or routine maintenance of existing structures, buildings, or real property by the commission.

(b) The plans, specifications, and contract documents for a contract awarded by the commission may not do any of the following:

- (1) Require a bidder, contractor, or subcontractor to enter into or comply with an agreement with a labor organization on the same or a related public works project.
- (2) Discriminate against a bidder, contractor, or subcontractor for refusing to enter into, remain signatory to, or comply with an agreement with a labor organization on the same or a related public works project.
- (3) Require a bidder, contractor, or subcontractor to enter into or comply with an agreement that requires an employee of the bidder, contractor, or subcontractor, as a condition of employment, to do either of the following:

- (A) Become a member of or become affiliated with a labor organization.
- (B) Over the objection of an employee, pay dues or fees to a labor organization that exceed the employee's share of the labor organization's costs relating to collective bargaining, contract administration, or grievance adjustment.

(c) This section does not prohibit an employer or any other person covered by the federal National Labor Relations Act from entering into agreements or engaging in any other activity protected by law. This section may not be interpreted to interfere

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1 with the labor relations of persons covered by the federal National  
2 Labor Relations Act.

3 SECTION 4. IC 8-23-9-59 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
4 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
5 1, 2007]: **Sec. 59. (a) The plans, specifications, and contract  
6 documents for a contract awarded by the department may not do  
7 any of the following:**

8 (1) Require a bidder, contractor, or subcontractor to enter  
9 into or comply with an agreement with a labor organization  
10 on the same or a related public works project.

11 (2) Discriminate against a bidder, contractor, or  
12 subcontractor for refusing to enter into, remain signatory to,  
13 or comply with an agreement with a labor organization on the  
14 same or a related public works project.

15 (3) Require a bidder, contractor, or subcontractor to enter  
16 into or comply with an agreement that requires an employee  
17 of the bidder, contractor, or subcontractor, as a condition of  
18 employment, to do either of the following:

19 (A) Become a member of or become affiliated with a labor  
20 organization.

21 (B) Over the objection of an employee, pay dues or fees to  
22 a labor organization that exceed the employee's share of  
23 the labor organization's costs relating to collective  
24 bargaining, contract administration, or grievance  
25 adjustment.

26 (b) This section does not prohibit an employer or any other  
27 person covered by the federal National Labor Relations Act from  
28 entering into agreements or engaging in any other activity  
29 protected by law. This section may not be interpreted to interfere  
30 with the labor relations of persons covered by the federal National  
31 Labor Relations Act.

32 SECTION 5. IC 34-13-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
33 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
34 1, 2007]:

35 **Chapter 8. Enforcement of Certain Public Works Statutes**

36 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "applicable statute" refers to any  
37 of the following:**

38 (1) IC 4-13.6-5-13.

39 (2) IC 5-16-12.

40 (3) IC 8-10-1-31.

41 (4) IC 8-23-9-59.

42 (5) IC 36-1-12-22.

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1           **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "interested party" includes the**  
 2 **following:**

3           **(1) A bidder, contractor, or subcontractor for a public works**  
 4 **contract covered by an applicable statute.**

5           **(2) An employee of a bidder, contractor, or subcontractor for**  
 6 **a public works contract covered by an applicable statute.**

7           **(3) A taxpayer of an entity awarding a public works contract**  
 8 **covered by an applicable statute.**

9           **Sec. 3. An interested party has a cause of action to challenge the**  
 10 **award of a public works contract that violates an applicable**  
 11 **statute.**

12           **Sec. 4. Subject to section 5 of this chapter, an interested party**  
 13 **that prevails in an action under this chapter is entitled to the**  
 14 **following relief:**

15           **(1) A declaration that the provisions of the public works**  
 16 **contract that violate the applicable statute are void.**

17           **(2) Costs and attorney's fees.**

18           **(3) Any other appropriate relief requested by the interested**  
 19 **party.**

20           **Sec. 5. (a) This chapter does not prohibit an employer or any**  
 21 **other person covered by the federal National Labor Relations Act**  
 22 **from entering into agreements or engaging in any other activity**  
 23 **protected by law.**

24           **(b) This chapter may not be interpreted to interfere with the**  
 25 **labor relations of persons covered by the federal National Labor**  
 26 **Relations Act.**

27           **(c) Relief that would interfere with the labor relations of**  
 28 **persons covered by the federal National Labor Relations Act may**  
 29 **not be granted under this chapter.**

30           **SECTION 6. IC 36-1-12-22 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE**  
 31 **AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY**  
 32 **1, 2007]: Sec. 22. (a) The plans, specifications, and contract**  
 33 **documents for a public works contract awarded under this chapter**  
 34 **may not do any of the following:**

35           **(1) Require a bidder, contractor, or subcontractor to enter**  
 36 **into or comply with an agreement with a labor organization**  
 37 **on the same or a related public works project.**

38           **(2) Discriminate against a bidder, contractor, or**  
 39 **subcontractor for refusing to enter into, remain signatory to,**  
 40 **or comply with an agreement with a labor organization on the**  
 41 **same or a related public works project.**

42           **(3) Require a bidder, contractor, or subcontractor to enter**

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1           **into or comply with an agreement that requires an employee**  
 2           **of the bidder, contractor, or subcontractor, as a condition of**  
 3           **employment, to do either of the following:**  
 4           **(A) Become a member of or become affiliated with a labor**  
 5           **organization.**  
 6           **(B) Over the objection of an employee, pay dues or fees to**  
 7           **a labor organization that exceed the employee's share of**  
 8           **the labor organization's costs relating to collective**  
 9           **bargaining, contract administration, or grievance**  
 10           **adjustment.**  
 11           **(b) This section does not prohibit an employer or any other**  
 12           **person covered by the federal National Labor Relations Act from**  
 13           **entering into agreements or engaging in any other activity**  
 14           **protected by law. This section may not be interpreted to interfere**  
 15           **with the labor relations of persons covered by the federal National**  
 16           **Labor Relations Act.**

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