
HOUSE BILL No. 1038

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: None (noncode).

Synopsis: Time zone referendum. Requires two public questions to be placed on the 2008 general election ballot asking voters: (1) whether all Indiana should be located in the same time zone; and (2) if all Indiana could be located in the same time zone, whether it should be located in the Central Time Zone or the Eastern Time Zone.

Effective: July 1, 2008.

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January 8, 2008, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Policy.

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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 concerning elections.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008] (a) **The county election**
- 2 **board of each county shall place the following public questions on**
- 3 **the ballot at the November 2008 general election:**
- 4 (1) **"Should all Indiana be located in the same time zone?".**
- 5 (2) **"If all of Indiana could be located in the same time zone,**
- 6 **which time zone would you prefer:**
- 7 **The Central Time Zone.**
- 8 **The Eastern Time Zone.".**
- 9 (b) **The county election board shall print the following**
- 10 **immediately below the public question stated in subsection (a)(2):**
- 11 **"The vote on these questions is advisory only. The result of**
- 12 **the vote on these questions is not binding on the General**
- 13 **Assembly, the federal government, or any public official.".**
- 14 (c) **The county election board shall format the public questions**
- 15 **stated in subsection (a) so that a voter can do the following:**
- 16 (1) **Vote on the question stated in subsection (a)(1) separately**
- 17 **from the question stated in subsection (a)(2).**
- 18 (2) **Vote "yes" or "no" on the question stated in subsection**



- 1 **(a)(1).**
- 2 **(3) Indicate a choice for either time zone on the question**
- 3 **stated in subsection (a)(2).**
- 4 **(d) If, on the question stated in subsection (a)(2), a voter**
- 5 **indicates a choice for both time zones, the county election board**
- 6 **shall not count the vote for either time zone.**
- 7 **(e) Each county election board shall:**
 - 8 **(1) tabulate the votes cast on the public question stated in**
 - 9 **subsection (a)(1) separately from the votes cast on the public**
 - 10 **question stated in subsection (a)(2); and**
 - 11 **(2) certify the results under IC 3-12-4-9.**
- 12 **(f) IC 3 applies to the public questions required by this**
- 13 **SECTION except where IC 3 conflicts with this SECTION.**
- 14 **(g) The secretary of state shall certify the results of the vote in**
- 15 **each county on the public questions required by this SECTION to**
- 16 **each of the following:**
 - 17 **(1) The speaker of the house of representatives.**
 - 18 **(2) The president pro tempore of the senate.**
 - 19 **(3) The governor.**
 - 20 **(4) The Secretary of the United States Department of**
 - 21 **Transportation.**
- 22 **(h) This SECTION expires July 1, 2009.**

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