

# HOUSE BILL No. 1370

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 36-6-6-10.

**Synopsis:** Compensation of township board members. Provides that after December 31, 2011, the total compensation and benefits paid to a township board member may not exceed \$7,000 per year.

**Effective:** July 1, 2011.

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January 18, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Government and Regulatory Reform.

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First Regular Session 117th General Assembly (2011)

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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 36-6-6-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2008,  
2 SECTION 713, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 10. (a) This section does not apply  
4 to the appropriation of money to pay a deputy or an employee of a  
5 township assessor with assessment duties or to an elected township  
6 assessor.

- 7 (b) The township legislative body shall fix the:  
8 (1) salaries;  
9 (2) wages;  
10 (3) rates of hourly pay; and  
11 (4) remuneration other than statutory allowances;

12 of all officers and employees of the township.

13 (c) Subject to subsection (d), the township legislative body may  
14 reduce the salary of an elected or appointed official. However, except  
15 as provided in ~~subsection~~ **subsections (h) and (i)**, the official is entitled  
16 to a salary that is not less than the salary fixed for the first year of the  
17 term of office that immediately preceded the current term of office.



1 (d) Except as provided in subsection (h), the township legislative  
2 body may not alter the salaries of elected or appointed officers during  
3 the fiscal year for which they are fixed, but it may add or eliminate any  
4 other position and change the salary of any other employee, if the  
5 necessary funds and appropriations are available.

6 (e) If a change in the mileage allowance paid to state officers and  
7 employees is established by July 1 of any year, that change shall be  
8 included in the compensation fixed for the township executive and  
9 assessor under this section, to take effect January 1 of the next year.  
10 However, the township legislative body may by ordinance provide for  
11 the change in the sum per mile to take effect before January 1 of the  
12 next year.

13 (f) The township legislative body may not reduce the salary of the  
14 township executive without the consent of the township executive  
15 during the term of office of the township executive as set forth in  
16 IC 36-6-4-2.

17 (g) This subsection applies when a township executive dies or  
18 resigns from office. The person filling the vacancy of the township  
19 executive shall receive at least the same salary the previous township  
20 executive received for the remainder of the unexpired term of office of  
21 the township executive (as set forth in IC 36-6-4-2), unless the person  
22 consents to a reduction in salary.

23 (h) In a year in which there is not an election of members to the  
24 township legislative body, the township legislative body may by  
25 unanimous vote reduce the salaries of the members of the township  
26 legislative body by any amount.

27 **(i) After December 31, 2011, the total compensation and benefits  
28 provided or paid to a township board member may not exceed  
29 seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) per year, including:**

- 30 (1) salary;  
31 (2) use of a township vehicle;  
32 (3) mileage or vehicle allowance;  
33 (4) health, vision, and dental insurance; and  
34 (5) any other:

35 (A) amount paid to a township board member; or

36 (B) benefit provided to a township board member;

37 to compensate the township board member for services  
38 provided as a public officer.

39 **Notwithstanding subsection (h), if necessary in order to comply  
40 with this subsection, a township legislative body shall vote in 2011  
41 to reduce the salaries of the members of the township legislative  
42 body effective January 1, 2012. The salary reduction shall be made**

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1      **by a majority vote of the township legislative body.**

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