# **HOUSE BILL No. 1369**

## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 34-47-3-4.5.

**Synopsis:** Indirect contempt of court. Provides that in an indirect contempt of court case, the prosecuting attorney of the judicial district in which the court has jurisdiction represents the state. Provides that if the prosecuting attorney decides not to prosecute the indirect contempt of court case after reviewing the case, the court may appoint another person who is: (1) an attorney in good standing; and (2) admitted to practice law in Indiana; to prosecute the indirect contempt of court case.

Effective: July 1, 2013.

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January 22, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.





### Introduced

First Regular Session 118th General Assembly (2013)

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 2012 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning civil law and procedure.

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

SECTION 1. IC 34-47-3-4.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
AS A <b>NEW</b> SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
1, 2013]: Sec. 4.5. (a) In an indirect contempt of court case under
this chapter, the prosecuting attorney of the judicial district in
which the court has jurisdiction shall represent the state.

- (b) The prosecuting attorney shall review the relevant facts and questions of law involved in an indirect contempt of court case under this chapter to determine if the case has merit.
- (c) After the review is conducted under subsection (b), if the prosecuting attorney decides not to prosecute the indirect contempt of court case, the court may appoint another person who is:
  - (1) an attorney in good standing; and
- (2) admitted to practice law in Indiana; to prosecute the indirect contempt of court case.



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