

- HB1004 VARIOUS STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT STREAMLINING MATTERS (SIEGRIST S) Provides that the journals, the enrolled acts, the session laws, and the Indiana Code may be distributed in paper or electronic format. Requires that copies of the journals, the session laws, and the Indiana Code must be provided to public libraries located in Indiana that participate in the federal depository library program. Permits the clerk of the house of representatives and the secretary of the senate (with respect to the journals) and the legislative council (with respect to the session laws and the Indiana Code) to specify a list of other public officials who automatically receive copies of the journals, the session laws, and the Indiana Code. Permits the publication and circulation to circuit court clerks of the enrolled acts, as required by the state constitution, to be performed electronically, and permits circuit court clerks to electronically acknowledge receipt of the enrolled acts directly to the legislative services agency. Permits the implementation of a system that would allow county clerks to send the acknowledgment electronically. Requires a meeting for receiving quotes must be open to the public. Provides that certain quotes shall be reported to the board during the public meeting at which the contract is considered. Specifies that an employee drug testing program must have been effective and applied at the time of the solicitation for bids for a public works project. Allows the board to keep on file a copy of the contractor's policy submitted in the current calendar year or previous two calendar years to satisfy the requirement for submitting a policy unless the policy has been revised. Specifies that the fire and building safety commission (commission) shall include citations to specific provisions of state law regarding the fire safety laws and the building laws that are the basis for a denial of an ordinance or other regulation of a political subdivision that is submitted for approval by the commission. Provides that a person may electronically file any document that is required to be filed as part of a lis pendens record. Repeals a provision requiring a circuit court clerk to provide to a court the names of all attorneys having business in that court. Makes changes concerning the role of a circuit court clerk regarding recovery of treatment and maintenance charges from the estate of a patient of a state institution or from a responsible party. Provides that: (1) the secretary and treasurer shall make a report of their trusts to the local board of the 1925 police pension fund (fund) before February 15; and (2) after the local board receives the report of the secretary and treasurer, the trustees of the local board shall be elected at the next meeting of the members of the police department. Removes a prohibition on political affiliation for members of a park board in a third class city. Urges the legislative council to assign to an appropriate interim study committee the subject of costs and benefits related to publication of certain reports.
Current Status: 3/6/2018 - House concurred in Senate amendments; Roll Call 322: yeas 91, nays 0
State Bill Page: [HB1004](#)
- HB1057 PRETRIAL DIVERSION (STEUERWALD G) Provides that the initial user fee amount for a diversion agreement involving a misdemeanor is \$50. Provides that the initial user fee amount for a diversion agreement involving a felony is \$75. Allows a court to impose on a person an additional program fee or cost that is reasonably related to the person's rehabilitation. Prohibits a monthly user fee from being collected beyond the maximum length of a possible sentence. Makes conforming amendments.
Current Status: 3/8/2018 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
State Bill Page: [HB1057](#)
- HB1140 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS (MILLER D) Allows a county to enter into an interlocal agreement with a municipality to use: (1) a municipal ordinance violations bureau; or (2) a city or town court; to dispose of county ordinance violations.
Current Status: 3/6/2018 - House concurred in Senate amendments; Roll Call 329: yeas 92, nays 0
State Bill Page: [HB1140](#)
- HB1173 TRIAL RECORDS (PRESSEL J) Permits a victim (or the spouse or an immediate family member of a deceased victim) to obtain, free of charge, an electronic copy of the transcript of criminal proceedings in the victim's case. Requires a prosecuting attorney or victim assistance program to assist the victim, spouse, or immediate family member in obtaining the transcript.
Current Status: 3/6/2018 - Returned to the House without amendments
State Bill Page: [HB1173](#)
- HB1253 VOTER LIST MAINTENANCE (RICHARDSON K) Adds a requirement that the circuit court clerk permanently retain the minutes of all meetings of the county election board. Requires the county voter registration office to scan a paper document that creates, amends, or cancels an individual's voter registration record and attach the scanned image to the voter's file in the computerized list. Codifies current administrative procedures ("confidence factors") used by the Indiana election division to determine which potentially duplicate voter registration records to provide to county voter registration offices to assist the county in determining whether a voter of the county has registered more recently in another state. Requires the county voter registration office to retain a voter's paper registration records associated

with the address at which the voter is registered to vote until all of the following are satisfied: (1) The voter's registration at the address stated in the voter's registration application has been cancelled. (2) The general election immediately following the cancellation of the voter's registration has occurred. (3) Twenty-four months have elapsed following the general election.

Current Status: 3/7/2018 - House concurred in Senate amendments; Roll Call 349: yeas 93, nays 0

State Bill Page: [HB1253](#)

HB1278

ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS (EBERHART S) Provides that a petition to establish an economic improvement district (district) may be filed with the clerk (in the case of a municipality) or the county auditor (in the case of the county). Requires a person that intends to file a petition for the establishment of a district to first provide the clerk or county auditor with written notice of the person's intent before initiating the petition process. Provides that a petition for the establishment of a district may be filed with the clerk or county auditor not later than 120 days after the date on which the person filed the notice of intent. Requires the clerk or county auditor to retain the paper copy of a petition for not less than 90 days from the date the petition is filed. Provides that the clerk or county auditor shall publish notice of a hearing on the proposed district, mail a copy of the notice to each owner of real property within the district, and include the hearing date in the notice. Provides that the date of the hearing may not be more than 60 days after the date on which the notice is mailed. Increases the required percentage number of signatures needed on a petition from owners of real property within a proposed district. Specifies that the signature of a person whose property is: (1) owned by this state, or a state agency, or leased to a state agency and is exempt from property taxation; or (2) owned by a political subdivision of this state and is exempt from property taxation; may not be considered in determining whether the required number of signatures needed on a petition are met. Provides that the assessed valuation of property that is: (1) owned by this state, or a state agency, or leased to a state agency and is exempt from property taxation; or (2) owned by a political subdivision of this state and is exempt from property taxation; may not be considered in determining the total assessed valuation in the proposed district. Repeals the provision that allows the proposals contained in the petition to be amended or modified in the ordinance adopted to establish the district. Eliminates the provision that allows the board of a district (board) to increase a special assessment following a hearing on an owner's protest of the special assessment. Requires the board to either confirm or decrease the special assessment in its determination of the owner's protest. Provides that the legislative body of a unit (legislative body) may not pass an amending ordinance to increase the boundaries of a district. Requires the district (or the person that files the petition, if the proposed district is rejected) to, at the request of the unit, reimburse the unit for the reasonable expenses incurred by the unit to comply with the statutory requirements for the district. Provides that the legislative body may choose not to collect all or part of the reasonable expenses.

Current Status: 3/8/2018 - House concurred in Senate amendments; Roll Call 355: yeas 56, nays 11

State Bill Page: [HB1278](#)

HB1309

SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION POLICIES (ENGLEMAN K) Requires sexual harassment prevention instruction to be provided annually to members of the general assembly. Requires the personnel subcommittee of the legislative council (subcommittee) to prepare and submit recommended sexual harassment prevention policies governing legislators to the legislative council. Requires the legislative council to approve sexual harassment policies not later than November 20, 2018. Provides that four additional members of the general assembly shall be appointed to serve on the subcommittee for the sole purpose of participating in the preparation of recommended sexual harassment prevention policies. Provides that the terms of the additional members expire on November 21, 2018.

Current Status: 3/7/2018 - House concurred in Senate amendments; Roll Call 350: yeas 94, nays 0

State Bill Page: [HB1309](#)

HB1383

VARIOUS ELECTION LAW MATTERS (SLAGER H) Eliminates the small precinct committee. Requires, not later than July 1, 2018, that the election commission adopt an order consolidating precincts in Lake County having fewer than 600 active voters, if the consolidation will realize savings for the county and not impose unreasonable obstacles on the ability of the voters of the county to vote at the polls. Provides that, if the commission does not adopt an order, the secretary of state, not later than August 1, 2018, and not later than July 1 each year immediately following a presidential election, shall issue the order. Requires absentee ballot counters at a central counting location in a county having a consolidated city that uses electronic poll books or that is a vote center county, at any time after 6 a.m. on election day and after the absentee ballots are processed and the electronic poll books updated, to count the absentee ballots. Allows any other county to use this procedure if the board unanimously adopts a resolution to do so. Allows the signature review process to be conducted any time after an absentee ballot is received in a county having a consolidated city or in any other county in which the board unanimously adopts a resolution to do so. Allows, but does not require, absentee ballot counters at a central location in those counties to make findings concerning an absentee voter's signature and that the voter is a qualified voter of the precinct for an absentee ballot cast in person. Requires absentee ballot counters at a central location in a county having a consolidated city to continue to count without interruption until all absentee ballots that are not required to be remade and have been accepted by the counters are canvassed and the certificates of vote count are prepared and delivered. Allows absentee ballots

counted at a central location in a county having a consolidated city to be stored in the order in which the absentee ballots were counted and not in order by precinct. Provides for the reconciliation of the number of votes cast with the number of voters who have received a ballot in a precinct or vote center using an electronic voting system. Authorizes the county election board or the secretary of state to order an audit in precincts or vote centers under certain circumstances. Requires the secretary of state to publish a report after each election in which an audit is conducted stating the results of each audit.

Current Status: 3/8/2018 - House concurred in Senate amendments; Roll Call 360: yeas 59, nays 21

State Bill Page: [HB1383](#)

SB9 RESIDENCE OF INDIVIDUAL IN STATE INSTITUTION (LEISING J) Provides that an individual committed to an institution for individuals with a mental illness may state either of the following, but not both, as the individual's residence for purposes of voting: (1) The address of the institution where the individual has been committed. (2) The address where the individual lives when the individual is not committed to an institution. (Under current law, such an individual does not gain residency in the precinct in which the institution to which the individual is committed is located.)

Current Status: 3/7/2018 - Signed by the Governor

State Bill Page: [SB9](#)

SB10 TOWN EMPLOYEES HOLDING ELECTED OFFICE (BOHACEK M) Provides with regard to a town that has a population of less than 2,500, that a town employee may: (1) serve on the town board; and (2) may not participate in a vote on the town's budget and tax levies.

Current Status: 2/6/2018 - Referred to House Local Government

State Bill Page: [SB10](#)

SB36 NCSL 2020 LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT (LONG D) Establishes the NCSL 2020 Legislative Summit host committee.

Current Status: 3/7/2018 - Signed by the Governor

State Bill Page: [SB36](#)

SB50 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT; CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (LONG D) Establishes the college and career funding review committee. Requires the review committee to study certain issues and to submit a report to the governor and the legislative council. Establishes the governor's workforce cabinet to develop, not later than July 1, 2018, a comprehensive career navigation and coaching system for Indiana. Requires high schools maintained by a school corporation, a charter school, or an accredited nonpublic school to participate in the career coaching program. Requires at least 25% of the money appropriated by the general assembly for adult education or the work Indiana program to be used: (1) to reimburse an eligible provider for adult education that is provided to eligible employees who need education in basic skills or that is necessary for an eligible employee to receive a high school diploma or an Indiana high school equivalency diploma; or (2) for adult education grants to employers. Specifies criteria that an individual must meet to be an eligible employee. Establishes the next level jobs employer training grant program and specifies criteria to receive a grant. Provides limits on the grant amount per employee and per employer. Requires the legislative services agency to conduct a review, analysis, and evaluation of the twenty-first century scholars program and the Frank O'Bannon grant program and submit a report to the governor and the legislative council. Urges the legislative council to assign to an appropriate interim study committee the question of whether the state should submit a combined state plan instead of a unified state plan to the United States Department of Labor when the state submits a new Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act plan.

Current Status: 3/8/2018 - , (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

State Bill Page: [SB50](#)

SB52 LOW THC EXTRACT (LONG D) Provides that the Indiana department of state revenue (department) may revoke a registered retail merchant's certificate if the department has good cause to believe a retailer has sold or is selling low THC extract and the product is not derived from industrial hemp. Repeals all provisions concerning the cannabidiol registry and a "substance containing cannabidiol" (all added by HEA 1148-2017). Defines "low THC extract" as a product derived from Cannabis sativa L. that contains not more than 0.3% THC and no other controlled substances. Establishes requirements for the manufacture and sale of low THC extract. Provides that a person commits the offense of dealing in marijuana, hash oil, hashish, or salvia as a Level 5 felony if the: (1) person is a retailer; (2) marijuana, hash oil, hashish, or salvia is packaged in a manner that appears to be low THC extract; and (3) person knew or reasonably should have known that the product was marijuana, hash oil, hashish, or salvia. Makes conforming amendments.

Current Status: 3/8/2018 - , (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

State Bill Page: [SB52](#)

- SB98 SPECIALIZED DRIVING PRIVILEGES (YOUNG M) Provides that an individual's specialized driving privileges expire at the time the suspension of the individual's driving privileges is terminated if: (1) the underlying conviction, charge, adjudication, or determination that forms the basis of the suspension is reversed, vacated, or dismissed; or (2) the individual is acquitted of, found not liable for, or otherwise found not to have committed the underlying act or offense that forms the basis of the suspension. Requires the court to inform the bureau of motor vehicles of a termination of a suspension and expiration of specialized driving privileges.
Current Status: 3/1/2018 - Senate concurred in House amendments; Roll Call 274: yeas 47, nays 1
State Bill Page: [SB98](#)
- SB165 TOWNSHIP BOARD TERMS OF OFFICE (CRANE J) Provides for the staggering of the terms of the members of township boards (other than township boards in Marion County) beginning with the 2022 general election. Establishes a process for filling vacancies and resolving ties for township board offices being elected during an election at which staggered terms are implemented.
Current Status: 3/7/2018 - Signed by the Governor
State Bill Page: [SB165](#)
- SB327 ELECTION SECURITY; ABSENTEE BALLOT COUNTING (WALKER G) Makes the following changes concerning election security: (1) Permits a county election board (board) to apply to the secretary of state (secretary) for reimbursement of expenditures made by the county to secure and monitor facilities where voting systems and electronic poll books are stored. Provides that, if the secretary, with the consent of the election division (division), approves the application, the county may be reimbursed for all or part of the expenditures. (2) Allows each absentee ballot to be assigned a unique tracking number using IMb Tracing or a similar automated tracking method to provide real-time tracking information for the ballot envelope. (3) Provides that the board is responsible for the security of ballot card voting systems, direct record electronic voting systems, and electronic poll books when they are not in use. (4) Provides that the required public tests for ballot card and direct record electronic voting systems must include testing to ascertain whether votes for straight party tickets and write-in candidates will be tabulated correctly. (5) Updates a reference to current federal standards regarding the "error rate" requirements for voting systems certified for use in elections. (6) Requires that each voting system be sealed with a uniquely numbered seal following each election for post-election auditing purposes. Specifies when voting systems and electronic poll books must be sealed and when they may be unsealed. (7) Authorizes a county election board to adopt, by a unanimous vote of the board's entire membership, a resolution to establish a security protocol that includes an audit trail to detect unauthorized access to secure the voting systems and electronic poll books used in each election conducted in the county. Requires that the person or entity conducting the voting system technical oversight program and the election division be available to advise the board in the development of a security protocol. Provides that if a county election board adopts a security protocol, those protocols supersede the statutory protocols. (8) Provides that, whenever a county disposes of a voting system or electronic poll book, the board shall file a plan with the division documenting the disposal and obtain the approval of the division before disposing of the equipment. (9) Allows a vendor to sell, lease, or transfer an Indiana certified voting system or electronic poll book to: (A) an Indiana county; (B) the voter system technical oversight program (VSTOP); (C) a state or local government in the United States for the purpose of conducting elections in that jurisdiction; or (D) a political party in Indiana entitled to nominate candidates at a state or town convention for the limited purpose of conducting the nomination of candidates. (10) Requires that the administrator of the VSTOP maintain an inventory listing all voting systems and electronic poll books used in conducting elections in Indiana, including a unique serial number for each unit and the present location where each unit is ordinarily stored. Requires that boards regularly update the inventory listing maintained by VSTOP. (11) Requires that the VSTOP conduct random audits of electronic poll books and report whether the electronic poll books have been certified, programmed, and used in compliance with Indiana law. (12) Requires a board to report to the secretary not later than 48 hours after receiving notice from a federal, state, or local government agency that: (A) a voting system or electronic poll book has been improperly obtained or altered; or (B) the data concerning the county maintained in the statewide voter registration system has been accessed or altered by a person; in violation of Indiana law. (13) Provides that electronic poll book data must be retained on a server approved (rather than maintained) by a board. (14) Permits a vendor who has applied for certification of an electronic poll book, but has not yet received approval of the application, to market the electronic poll book at certain county and state meetings of election officials after providing notice to the division. Requires the vendor to display information concerning the poll book's certification status at the meeting. (15) Requires absentee ballot counters at a central counting location in a county having a consolidated city that uses electronic poll books or that is a vote center county, at any time after 6 a.m. on election day and after the absentee ballots are processed and the electronic poll books updated, to count the absentee ballots. Allows any other county to use this procedure if the board unanimously adopts a resolution to do so. (16) Allows the signature review process to be conducted any time after an absentee ballot is received in a county having a consolidated city or in any other county in which the board unanimously adopts a resolution to do so. Allows, but does not require, absentee ballot counters at a central location in those counties to make findings concerning an absentee voter's signature and that the voter is a qualified voter of the precinct for an absentee ballot cast in person. (17) Requires absentee ballot counters at a central location in a county having a consolidated city to continue to count without interruption until all absentee ballots that are not required to be remade and have been accepted by the counters are canvassed and the

certificates of vote count are prepared and delivered. (18) Allows absentee ballots counted at a central location in a county having a consolidated city to be stored in the order in which the absentee ballots were counted and not in order by precinct. (19) Removes an obsolete reference. (20) Makes a technical correction.

Current Status: 3/7/2018 - Senate concurred in House amendments; Roll Call 360: yeas 46, nays 0

State Bill Page: [SB327](#)