

HOUSE BILL No. 1541

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 5-28-15-9; IC 5-28-15-10.

Synopsis: Enterprise zones. Provides that the fiscal body of a municipality may adopt a resolution renewing an enterprise zone for an additional five years after the date on which the enterprise zone is set to expire. Provides that new municipal enterprise zones may be added after December 31, 2015. (Under current law, the board of the Indiana economic development corporation may not add any new municipal enterprise zones after December 31, 2015.)

Effective: Upon passage.

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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 5-28-15-9, AS ADDED BY P.L.4-2005, SECTION
2 34, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON
3 PASSAGE]: Sec. 9. (a) The board may designate up to ten (10)
4 enterprise zones, in addition to any enterprise zones the federal
5 government may designate in Indiana. The board may by seven (7)
6 affirmative votes increase the number of enterprise zones above ten
7 (10), but it may not add more than two (2) new zones each year
8 (excluding any zone that may be added by the board in a municipality
9 in which a previously designated zone has expired). ~~and may not add~~
10 ~~any new zones after December 31, 2015~~. There may not be more than
11 one (1) enterprise zone in any municipality.
12 (b) After approval by resolution of the legislative body, the
13 executive of any municipality that is not an included town under
14 IC 36-3-1-7 may submit one (1) application to the board to have one (1)
15 part of the municipality designated as an enterprise zone. If an



1 application is denied, the executive may submit a new application. The
2 board shall provide application procedures.

3 (c) The board shall evaluate an enterprise zone application if it finds
4 that the following threshold criteria exist in a proposed zone:

5 (1) A poverty level in which twenty-five percent (25%) of the
6 households in the zone are below the poverty level as established
7 by the most recent United States census or an average rate of
8 unemployment for the most recent eighteen (18) month period for
9 which data is available that is at least one and one-half (1 1/2)
10 times the average statewide rate of unemployment for the same
11 eighteen (18) month period.

12 (2) A population of more than two thousand (2,000) but less than
13 ten thousand five hundred (10,500).

14 (3) An area of more than three-fourths (3/4) of a square mile but
15 less than four (4) square miles, with a continuous boundary (using
16 natural, street, or highway barriers when possible) entirely within
17 the applicant municipality. However, if the zone includes a parcel
18 of property that:

19 (A) is owned by the municipality; and

20 (B) has an area of at least twenty-five (25) acres;

21 the area of the zone may be increased above the four (4) square
22 mile limitation by an amount not to exceed the area of the
23 municipally owned parcel.

24 (4) Property suitable for the development of a mix of commercial,
25 industrial, and residential activities.

26 (5) The appointment of a U.E.A. that meets the requirements of
27 section 13 of this chapter.

28 (6) A statement by the applicant indicating its willingness to
29 provide certain specified economic development incentives.

30 (d) If an applicant has met the threshold criteria of subsection (c),
31 the board shall evaluate the application, arrive at a decision based on
32 the following factors, and either designate a zone or reject the
33 application:

34 (1) Level of poverty, unemployment, and general distress of the
35 area in comparison with other applicant and nonapplicant
36 municipalities and the expression of need for an enterprise zone
37 over and above the threshold criteria of subsection (c).

38 (2) Evidence of support for designation by residents, businesses,
39 and private organizations in the proposed zone, and the
40 demonstration of a willingness among those zone constituents to
41 participate in zone area revitalization.

42 (3) Efforts by the applicant municipality to reduce the



1 impediments to development in the zone area where necessary,
2 including but not limited to the following:

3 (A) A procedure for streamlining local government regulations
4 and permit procedures.

5 (B) Crime prevention activities involving zone residents.

6 (C) A plan for infrastructure improvements capable of
7 supporting increased development activity.

8 (4) Significant efforts to encourage the reuse of existing zone
9 structures in new development activities to preserve the existing
10 character of the neighborhood, where appropriate.

11 (5) The proposed managerial structure of the zone and the
12 capacity of the U.E.A. to carry out the goals and purposes of this
13 chapter.

14 SECTION 2. IC 5-28-15-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2010,
15 SECTION 19, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
16 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 10. (a) Subject to subsection (b), an enterprise
17 zone expires ten (10) years after the day on which it is designated by
18 the board.

19 (b) ~~In the period beginning December 1, 2008, and ending~~
20 ~~December 31, 2014,~~ An enterprise zone does not expire under this
21 section if the fiscal body of the municipality in which the enterprise
22 zone is located adopts a resolution renewing the enterprise zone for an
23 additional five (5) years. An enterprise zone may be renewed under this
24 subsection regardless of the number of times the enterprise zone has
25 been renewed under subsections (c) and (d). A municipal fiscal body
26 may adopt a renewal resolution and submit a copy of the resolution to
27 the board

28 ~~(1) before August 1, 2009, in the case of an enterprise zone that~~
29 ~~expired after November 30, 2008, or is scheduled to expire before~~
30 ~~September 1, 2009; or~~

31 ~~(2) at least thirty (30) days before the expiration date of the~~
32 ~~enterprise zone. in the case of an enterprise zone scheduled to~~
33 ~~expire after August 31, 2009.~~

34 ~~If an enterprise zone is renewed under this subsection after having been~~
35 ~~renewed under subsection (d), the enterprise zone may not be renewed~~
36 ~~after the expiration of this final five (5) year period.~~

37 (c) The two (2) year period immediately before the day on which the
38 enterprise zone expires is the phaseout period. During the phaseout
39 period, the board may review the success of the enterprise zone based
40 on the following criteria and may, with the consent of the budget
41 committee, renew the enterprise zone, including all provisions of this
42 chapter, for five (5) years:



- 1 (1) Increases in capital investment in the zone.
2 (2) Retention of jobs and creation of jobs in the zone.
3 (3) Increases in employment opportunities for residents of the
4 zone.
5 (d) If an enterprise zone is renewed under subsection (c), the two (2)
6 year period immediately before the day on which the enterprise zone
7 expires is another phaseout period. During the phaseout period, the
8 board may review the success of the enterprise zone based on the
9 criteria set forth in subsection (c) and, with the consent of the budget
10 committee, may again renew the enterprise zone, including all
11 provisions of this chapter, for a final period of five (5) years. The zone
12 may not be renewed after the expiration of this final five (5) year
13 period.
14 **SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.**

