

SENATE BILL No. 382

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 36-8-16.7.

Synopsis: Statewide 911 system. Repeals a provision that: (1) required the budget committee to conduct a review of the statewide 911 system for years 2013 and 2014; and (2) provided for the July 1, 2015, expiration of the statewide 911 fee if the budget committee did not recommend continuation of the fee.

Effective: July 1, 2015.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to repeal a provision of the Indiana Code concerning local government.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 36-8-16.7-32, AS AMENDED BY P.L.107-2014,
2 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 32. (a) Except as provided in subsections (c) and
4 (e), and subject to subsection (b), ~~and section 48(e) of this chapter~~, the
5 board shall assess a monthly statewide 911 fee on each standard user
6 that is a customer having a place of primary use in Indiana at a rate
7 that:
8 (1) ensures full recovery of the amount needed for the board to
9 make distributions to county treasurers consistent with this
10 chapter; and
11 (2) provides for the proper development, operation, and
12 maintenance of a statewide 911 system.
13 The amount of the initial fee assessed under this subsection is ninety
14 cents (\$0.90).
15 (b) The board may adjust the statewide 911 fee to ensure adequate
16 revenue for the board to fulfill the board's duties and obligations under



- 1 this chapter, subject to the following:
- 2 (1) The fee may not be raised or lowered more than one (1) time
- 3 in a calendar year.
- 4 (2) The fee:
- 5 (A) may not be raised by an amount that is less than or equal
- 6 to ten cents (\$0.10) without review by the budget committee;
- 7 and
- 8 (B) may not be raised or lowered by an amount that is more
- 9 than ten cents (\$0.10) without legislative approval.
- 10 (c) The fee assessed under this section does not apply to a prepaid
- 11 user in a retail transaction under IC 36-8-16.6.
- 12 (d) An additional fee relating to the provision of 911 service may
- 13 not be levied by a state agency or local unit of government. An
- 14 enhanced prepaid wireless charge (as defined in IC 36-8-16.6-4) is not
- 15 considered an additional fee relating to the provision of wireless 911
- 16 service for purposes of this section.
- 17 (e) A user is exempt from the fee if the user is any of the following:
- 18 (1) The federal government or an agency of the federal
- 19 government.
- 20 (2) The state or an agency or instrumentality of the state.
- 21 (3) A political subdivision (as defined in IC 36-1-2-13) or an
- 22 agency of a political subdivision.
- 23 (4) A user that accesses communications service solely through
- 24 a wireless data only service plan.
- 25 (f) This subsection applies to a provider that is designated by the
- 26 Indiana utility regulatory commission as an eligible
- 27 telecommunications carrier for purposes of receiving reimbursement
- 28 from the universal service fund through the administrator designated
- 29 by the Federal Communications Commission. A provider:
- 30 (1) is not considered an agency of the federal government for
- 31 purposes of the exemption set forth in subsection (e); and
- 32 (2) is liable for the monthly statewide 911 fee assessed under
- 33 subsection (a) with respect to communications service provided
- 34 by the provider in its capacity as an eligible telecommunications
- 35 carrier.
- 36 SECTION 2. IC 36-8-16.7-42, AS ADDED BY P.L.132-2012,
- 37 SECTION 20, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 38 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 42. (a) All proprietary information submitted to
- 39 the board or the treasurer of state, ~~or to the budget committee under~~
- 40 ~~section 48 of this chapter~~, is confidential. Notwithstanding any other
- 41 law, proprietary information submitted under this chapter is not subject
- 42 to subpoena, and proprietary information submitted under this chapter



1 may not be released to a person other than to the submitting provider
2 without the permission of the submitting provider.

3 (b) General information collected by the board or the treasurer of
4 state may be released or published only in aggregate amounts that do
5 not identify or allow identification of numbers of users or revenues
6 attributable to an individual provider.

7 SECTION 3. IC 36-8-16.7-48 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
8 1, 2015]. Sec. 48: (a) The budget committee shall review the statewide
9 911 system governed by this chapter for the two (2) calendar years
10 ending:

11 (1) December 31, 2013; and

12 (2) December 31, 2014.

13 (b) In conducting the review required by this section, the budget
14 committee may examine the following:

15 (1) Whether the fund is being administered by the board in
16 accordance with this chapter. In performing a review under this
17 subdivision, the budget committee may consider the audit reports
18 submitted to the budget committee by the state board of accounts
19 under section 30(a) of this chapter.

20 (2) The collection, disbursement, and use of the statewide 911 fee
21 assessed under section 32 of this chapter. In performing a review
22 under this subdivision, the budget committee may:

23 (A) examine whether the statewide 911 fee:

24 (i) is being assessed in an amount that is reasonably
25 necessary to provide adequate and efficient 911 service; and

26 (ii) is being used only for the purposes set forth in this
27 chapter; and

28 (B) consider:

29 (i) the reports submitted to the budget committee by the
30 board under section 30(c) of this chapter; and

31 (ii) the audit reports submitted to the budget committee by
32 the state board of accounts under section 38(c) of this
33 chapter.

34 (3) The report submitted to the budget committee by the Indiana
35 advisory commission on intergovernmental relations under
36 IC 4-23-24.2-5(b).

37 (4) Any other data, reports, or information the budget committee
38 determines is necessary to review the statewide 911 system
39 governed by this chapter.

40 (c) Subject to section 42 of this chapter, the board, the state board
41 of accounts, political subdivisions, providers, and PSAPs shall provide
42 to the budget committee all relevant data, reports, and information



1 requested by the budget committee to assist the budget committee in
2 carrying out its duties under this section:

3 (d) After conducting the review required by this section, the budget
4 committee shall, not later than June 1, 2015, report its findings to the
5 legislative council. The budget committee's findings under this
6 subsection:

7 (1) must include a recommendation as to whether the statewide
8 911 fee assessed under section 32 of this chapter should continue
9 to be assessed and collected under this chapter after June 30,
10 2015; and

11 (2) if the budget committee recommends under subdivision (1)
12 that the statewide 911 fee assessed under section 32 of this
13 chapter should continue to be assessed and collected under this
14 chapter after June 30, 2015, may include recommendations for the
15 introduction in the general assembly of any legislation that the
16 budget committee determines is necessary to ensure that the
17 statewide 911 system governed by this chapter is managed in a
18 fair and fiscally prudent manner.

19 A report to the legislative council under this subsection must be in an
20 electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

21 (e) If the budget committee does not recommend in its report under
22 subsection (d) that the statewide 911 fee assessed under section 32 of
23 this chapter should continue to be assessed and collected under this
24 chapter after June 30, 2015, the statewide 911 fee assessed under
25 section 32 of this chapter expires July 1, 2015, and may not be assessed
26 or collected after June 30, 2015.

