

## **IC 12-20-8**

### **Chapter 8. Legal Residence as Condition for Receipt of Township Assistance**

#### **IC 12-20-8-1**

##### **"Resident" defined**

Sec. 1. For purposes of this chapter, an individual is a "resident" of a township or county if the individual:

- (1) has located in the township or county; and
- (2) intends to make the township or county the individual's sole place of residence.

*As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.14.*

#### **IC 12-20-8-2**

##### **Relief for residents**

Sec. 2. If an individual is a resident of a township or county, the township or county shall relieve and support the individual if the individual is poor and in need of relief.

*As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.14.*

#### **IC 12-20-8-3**

##### **Intent to become resident; determination**

Sec. 3. (a) The township trustee may deny township assistance to an individual if the township trustee determines that the individual does not intend to make the township or county the individual's sole place of residence.

(b) The township trustee may consider all relevant information that supports or refutes the individual's intent to make the township or county the individual's sole place of residence, except the length of time the individual has been located in the township or county.

*As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.14. Amended by P.L.73-2005, SEC.43.*

#### **IC 12-20-8-4**

##### **Continuance of legal residence**

Sec. 4. A residence legally acquired continues until the legal residence is lost or defeated by acquiring a new legal residence or by willful and uninterrupted absence from the township in which legal residence has been gained.

*As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.14.*

#### **IC 12-20-8-5**

##### **Determination of legal residence; factors discounted**

Sec. 5. Time spent in a penal institution, public or private charitable or benevolent institution, hospital, fraternal home, or in any place while serving in the armed forces of the United States may not be counted in determining legal residence in Indiana.

*As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.14.*

#### **IC 12-20-8-6**

##### **Loss of legal residence due to state or federal service**

Sec. 6. An individual may not be considered to have lost a legal residence in Indiana because of an absence that is due to business of the state or of the United States.

*As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.14.*

**IC 12-20-8-7**

**Assistance notwithstanding inability to establish place of legal settlement**

Sec. 7. If the township trustee, as administrator of township assistance, is unable to ascertain and establish the place of legal residence of a poor individual within the township, the township trustee shall proceed to provide assistance to the individual in the same manner as other poor individuals are provided assistance.

*As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.14. Amended by P.L.73-2005, SEC.44.*