

IC 2-5-1.2

Chapter 1.2. Definitions and General Provisions Relating to the Operation of a Committee

IC 2-5-1.2-1

Application of chapter; exceptions

Sec. 1. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) or otherwise in this article, this chapter applies to all committees established under this article.

(b) This chapter does not apply to the following:

- (1) The legislative council (IC 2-5-1.1).
- (2) The youth advisory council (IC 2-5-29).
- (3) The commission on improving the status of children in Indiana (IC 2-5-36).

As added by P.L.220-2011, SEC.6. Amended by P.L.6-2012, SEC.4; P.L.133-2012, SEC.1; P.L.205-2013, SEC.38; P.L.53-2014, SEC.3.

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Application of definitions

Sec. 2. The definitions in this chapter apply throughout this article except in a statute listed in section 1 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.220-2011, SEC.6.

IC 2-5-1.2-3

"Appointing authority"

Sec. 3. "Appointing authority" refers to the office that has the duty to appoint a committee member under this article.

As added by P.L.220-2011, SEC.6.

IC 2-5-1.2-4

"Committee"

Sec. 4. "Committee" refers to a commission, a committee, or another body (however designated) established under this article, including a subcommittee established under IC 2-5-1.3-12 and a committee established under IC 2-5-1.3-14.

As added by P.L.220-2011, SEC.6. Amended by P.L.53-2014, SEC.4.

IC 2-5-1.2-5

"House"

Sec. 5. "House" refers to the house of representatives of the general assembly.

As added by P.L.220-2011, SEC.6.

IC 2-5-1.2-6

"President pro tempore"

Sec. 6. "President pro tempore" refers to the president pro tempore of the senate of the general assembly.

As added by P.L.220-2011, SEC.6.

IC 2-5-1.2-7

"Senate"

Sec. 7. "Senate" refers to the senate of the general assembly.
As added by P.L.220-2011, SEC.6.

IC 2-5-1.2-8

"Speaker"

Sec. 8. "Speaker" refers to the speaker of the house of representatives of the general assembly.
As added by P.L.220-2011, SEC.6.

IC 2-5-1.2-8.5

Appointments; committee chair; committee vice-chair

Sec. 8.5. (a) The:

- (1) chairman of the legislative council, with the advice of the vice-chairman, shall designate the chair; and
- (2) vice-chairman of the legislative council, with the advice of the chairman, shall designate a vice-chair;

of each committee from among the legislative members of the committee. The chair and vice-chair of a committee serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

(b) If a committee is a study committee (as defined in IC 2-5-1.3-3) or another committee on which members serve for two (2) interims or years, the chairman and the vice-chairman of the legislative council may provide that:

- (1) the chair of a committee becomes the vice-chair of the committee in the year after the individual is appointed as chair; and
- (2) the vice-chair of the committee becomes the chair of the committee in the year after the individual is appointed as vice-chair.

As added by P.L.53-2014, SEC.5.

IC 2-5-1.2-9

Filling vacancies

Sec. 9. (a) If a vacancy occurs on a committee, the appointing authority that appointed the member whose position is vacant shall appoint an individual to fill the vacancy.

(b) An individual appointed to fill a vacancy must have the qualifications that a member appointed by the appointing authority must have.

(c) An individual appointed to fill a vacancy serves:

- (1) for the remainder of the term of the member the individual is appointed to succeed, if committee members have a term set under this article; or
- (2) at the pleasure of the appointing authority, if subdivision (1) does not apply.

As added by P.L.220-2011, SEC.6.

IC 2-5-1.2-10**Legislative services agency provides staff support**

Sec. 10. The legislative services agency shall provide staff support to a committee.

As added by P.L.220-2011, SEC.6.

IC 2-5-1.2-11**Per diem, mileage, travel allowances**

Sec. 11. Each member of a committee is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to individuals who serve as legislative and lay members, respectively, of interim study committees established by the legislative council.

As added by P.L.220-2011, SEC.6.

IC 2-5-1.2-12**Number of votes required to take action**

Sec. 12. The affirmative votes of a majority of the voting members appointed to a committee are required for the committee to take action on any measure, including the final report.

As added by P.L.220-2011, SEC.6.

IC 2-5-1.2-13**Committee to operate under policies and procedures of legislative council**

Sec. 13. A committee shall operate under the policies and rules of the legislative council.

As added by P.L.220-2011, SEC.6.

IC 2-5-1.2-14**Payment of committee expenses from appropriations to legislative council, legislative services agency**

Sec. 14. All funds necessary for a committee to carry out its functions shall be paid from appropriations to the legislative council and the legislative services agency.

As added by P.L.220-2011, SEC.6.

IC 2-5-1.2-15**Submission of reports to legislative council**

Sec. 15. A committee shall submit interim, final, and other reports to the legislative council as directed by the legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

As added by P.L.220-2011, SEC.6.

IC 2-5-1.2-16**Committee reports are public records**

Sec. 16. All reports of a committee are public records.

As added by P.L.220-2011, SEC.6.