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SENATE BILL No. 187

DIGEST OF SB 187 (Updated January 8, 2020 11:09 am - DI 133)

Citations Affected: IC 33-32; IC 33-33.

Synopsis: Elkhart County courts. Provides that the board of county commissioners shall provide the circuit court clerk with an office at: (1) the county seat; or (2) in Elkhart County, any other place in the county as the board of county commissioners may provide; in a building provided for that purpose. Provides that each division of the circuit court or superior court of Elkhart County shall hold sessions at: (1) the courthouse of the county; or (2) any other place in the county as the board of county commissioners may provide.

Effective: July 1, 2020.

Doriot, Mishler, Rogers

January 6, 2020, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
January 9, 2020, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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Second Regular Session of the 121st General Assembly (2020)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2019 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning courts and court officers.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 33-32-2-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 4. (a) The board of
3 county commissioners shall provide the clerk with an office at:
4 (1) the county seat; **or**
5 (2) **in Elkhart County, any other place in the county as the**
6 **board of county commissioners may provide;**
7 in a building provided for that purpose.
8 (b) The clerk shall keep the office open on every day of the year
9 except on Sundays and legal holidays. However, the clerk:
10 (1) shall keep the office of the clerk open on those days and times
11 necessary for the proper administration of the election statutes;
12 and
13 (2) may close the office on those days that the judge of the circuit
14 court orders the court closed in accordance with the custom and
15 practice of the county.
16 (c) Any legal action required to be taken in the office of the clerk
17 during the time the office is closed under this section may be taken on

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1 the next following day the office is open.
2 SECTION 2. IC 33-33-20-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
3 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 4. **(a)** The Elkhart
4 superior court has six (6) judges. ~~Four (4) of the judges of the court~~
5 ~~shall hold sessions in the Elkhart County courts building in Elkhart.~~
6 ~~Two (2) of the judges of the court shall hold sessions in an appropriate~~
7 ~~place in Goshen selected by the county commissioners. Each division~~
8 ~~of the circuit court or superior court of Elkhart County shall hold~~
9 ~~sessions at:~~
10 (1) the courthouse of the county; or
11 (2) any other place in the county as the board of county
12 commissioners may provide.
13 (b) The board of county commissioners shall provide the circuit
14 court clerk with an office as described in IC 33-32-2-4(a).



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 187, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is to SB 187 as introduced.)

KOCH, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0

