

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS26617

Since magistrate judges are appointed at different times throughout the year, the Supreme Court has established a yearly Magistrate Institute, as well as a two (2) phase New Judge Orientation, to provide trainings for new judges. The current wording of I.C. § 1-2206(3) prohibits magistrate judges from taking office until after they have attended the Magistrate Institute. In acknowledgment of the unworkable and cost-prohibitive nature of this requirement, and in order to maintain the efficiencies of the Supreme Court's established new judge training programs, this bill will amend I.C. § 1-2206(3) to allow new magistrates to attend the Magistrate Institute within one (1) year of taking office.

### FISCAL NOTE

This proposed amendment will have no fiscal impact upon the General Fund, any other state fund, or local governments. In accordance with Joint Rule 18, the reason no fiscal impact is projected is because the amendment only changes the timing of the Magistrate Institute requirement to capture the efficiencies of the established practice, and it neither involves nor affects any government expenditure or revenue.

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