IC 4-37-4

Chapter 4. General Powers, Duties, and Exemptions

IC 4-37-4-1

Title to property

Sec. 1. The title to the following shall be held in the name of the state of Indiana:

(1) Property constituting the state museums, except to the extent that the property is subject to a use and occupancy agreement between the Indiana finance authority and the Indiana department of administration.

(2) Property acquired by the board.

As added by P.L.167-2011, SEC.1.

IC 4-37-4-2

Duties

Sec. 2. The board shall do the following:

(1) Operate and administer the state museums.

(2) Maintain accreditation of the state museums.

(3) Collect, preserve, display, and interpret artifacts and materials reflecting the cultural and natural history of Indiana.

(4) Prepare and maintain a statewide inventory of the artifacts and materials described in subdivision (3).

(5) Uphold the highest professional and ethical standards, as adopted by the American Association of Museums.

As added by P.L.167-2011, SEC.1.

IC 4-37-4-3

Authorized powers

Sec. 3. The board may do the following:

(1) Do any and all acts and things necessary, proper, or convenient to carry out this article.

(2) Hold meetings under IC 5-14-1.5 at the times and places in Indiana that are prescribed by the board's bylaws.

(3) Adopt an official seal.

(4) Adopt bylaws.

(5) Make and execute contracts and other instruments necessary or convenient to the exercise of the board's powers.

(6) Acquire by grant, purchase, gift, devise, or lease or otherwise and hold, use, sell, lease, manage, operate, clear, improve, encumber, transfer, convey, exchange, or dispose of the following:

(A) Real and personal property and any interest in real or personal property.

(B) Facilities.

(C) Money or stocks.

(D) Any right or interest necessary or useful for carrying out the board's powers and duties under this article.

(7) Procure insurance against any loss in connection with the board's operations.
(8) Enter into contractual or other arrangements with the Indiana department of administration in connection with the financing of the state museums under IC 4-13.5.
(9) Notwithstanding IC 4-13.5-4-5, allocate space in museums financed by the Indiana finance authority under IC 4-13.5.
(10) Fix and collect rents, admission charges, fees, tolls, and other user charges for:
(A) the state museums;
(B) restaurants;
(C) other facilities; and
(D) programs, lectures, classes, tours, and trips.
(11) Maintain shops and restaurants on property that the board manages and at other locations and employ or contract with persons to manage the shops and restaurants.
(12) Make or sell the following:
(A) Pictures, models, books, and other representations of the museum and its artifacts and exhibits.
(B) Souvenirs, crafts, art, videotapes, digital video discs, and other merchandise.
(13) Pay royalties, license fees, or charges for exhibits, artifacts, artwork, or materials.
(14) Own copyrights, trademarks, and service marks and enforce the board's rights with respect to ownership.
(15) Conduct market research concerning the state museums.
(16) Adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to carry out the purposes of this article.

As added by P.L.167-2011, SEC.1.

IC 4-37-4-4
Historic property; acceptance; disposition

Sec. 4. (a) The board may accept or refuse to accept an offered gift of historic property to be administered by the board.

(b) Notwithstanding IC 4-20.5-7 and IC 5-22-22, the board may improve, encumber, sell, lease, transfer, convey, or exchange historic property administered by the board.

(c) Notwithstanding IC 5-22-22, the board may, in accordance with the board's policies, sell, donate, or exchange artifacts in the state museums' collections to or with other public or nonprofit museums or historical societies.

(d) The board may by rule establish a procedure for evaluating the merits of proposals to:
(1) accept gifts of;
(2) sell;
(3) encumber;
(4) transfer;
(5) convey; or
(6) exchange;

artifacts or historic property.

(e) The board may donate or make short term loans of artifacts in the museums' collections to other:

(1) public or nonprofit museums; or

(2) historical societies.

As added by P.L.167-2011, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.166-2013, SEC.4.

IC 4-37-4-5

Property tax exemption

Sec. 5. The board is not required to pay any taxes or assessments upon any property acquired or used by the board under this article, or upon the income from the property.

As added by P.L.167-2011, SEC.1.

IC 4-37-4-6

Gross sales tax exemption

Sec. 6. The board is exempt under IC 6-2.5-5-16 from the state gross retail tax for transactions involving tangible personal property, public utility commodities, and public utility service.

As added by P.L.167-2011, SEC.1.

IC 4-37-4-7

Advance payment and procurement exemption

Sec. 7. The board is exempt from the following:

(1) The requirements of IC 4-13-2-20 prohibiting payment in advance.

(2) The procurement requirements under IC 5-22.

As added by P.L.167-2011, SEC.1.

IC 4-37-4-8

Chief executive officer evaluation; dismissal

Sec. 8. (a) The board shall annually evaluate the performance of the chief executive officer.

(b) Subject to approval by the governor, the board may dismiss the chief executive officer.

As added by P.L.167-2011, SEC.1.