

Sex Offender Placement

Alternative to LRB-0227/P1

LRB-0227/P1 – Bill requires that if county is ordered to find a place to house a released sex offender, the committee created by the county shall offer each tribe in the county a seat on the committee.

If tribes are given a seat on County Committee it is feared that than all municipalities (towns, villages, cities) would want a seat on committee too. That could result in it becoming even more difficult to find a location. So to take away this concern (opposition) the following is an alternative.

Alternative –

1. **DHS Notify Each Tribe in County** – Once a court orders a county to create a committee to find a residence, DHS shall notify each tribal chair in that county that has any tribally owned lands. (980.08 (4) (dm) 1)
Each tribe then has the option to follow the work of the committee.
2. **County Committee Notify Tribal Police Departments** – Law requires that the County Committee notify the local police department once a residence has been selected. The local police department can develop a report for both the County Committee and DHS. Current law could be amended to require that in addition to local police being notified, all the tribal police departments in the county also be notified. (980.08(4) (dm) (2)
This would give the tribe if interested an opportunity to let both the County Committee and DHS know of any concerns the tribe might have.
3. **DHS Notifies Tribal Police if Rules of Supervision Change** – Under current law DHS has power to modify rules of supervision if court approves but must first notify local police department. Law could be amended to require that the tribal police department also be notified. (980.08 (4) (dm) (6m)
Under current law a tribe may never know when the amount of supervision of a sex offender is reduced or modified. This would give tribal police notice of such change and thus could increase their own monitoring if they wanted.