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ANNOUNCEMENT OF INDIANA JUDICIAL COUNCIL

The Indiana State Bar Association Bill for the creation of a Judicial Council was enacted into law by the 1935 session of the Indiana General Assembly. The act provided for the selection of representatives from the Supreme and Appellate Courts and the selection of two Circuit or Superior Court Judges by the Supreme Court. Judge Curtis Roll was selected from the Supreme Court, Judge Harvey Curtis from the Appellate Court and Judge Sumner Kenner of Huntington and Judge Herdis Clements of Mount Vernon from the Circuit Courts. The act further provided for the selection of two members of the bar and a member of a faculty of a law school located in Indiana to be appointed by the Governor. The Governor appointed Mr. George O. Dix of Terre Haute, Mr. Paul Y. Davis of Indianapolis and Bernard C. Gavit of Bloomington. Under the act the Chairman of the Judiciary A Committees in the Senate and the House of Representatives are ex officio members of the Council. Senator Jesse E. Wade of Mount Vernon and State Representative Martin J. Downey of Hammond held these offices at the last session of the General Assembly.

The organization meeting of the Council was held in Indianapolis October 14, 1935. Judge Roll was elected Chairman and Bernard C.

Gavit was elected Secretary. At a subsequent meeting of the Council the Council decided to divide this work into four fields. The first has to do with the collection of information concerning the business of the courts of the state. The second has to do with the field of civil procedure including appellate procedure. The third has to do with the field of the administration of criminal law and the fourth has to do with the organization of courts and the selection and qualifications of judicial personnel. The Council is starting work in each one of these fields immediately.

Under the act it is the duty of the Council to solicit suggestions "as to remedies for faults in the administration of justice." The Council is extremely anxious to receive from the members of the bar of the state any suggestions they may care to submit concerning the work of the Council, and in the fields of its activities. Suggestions may be forwarded to any member of the Council but preferably to the office of the Secretary.
