

## **Representative Jerry Torr**

**Indiana House of Representatives:** 1996 – present

**House District 37:** Large portion of Clay Township in southern Hamilton County and the city of Carmel

**Address:** 200 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204

### **Committees:**

- Chair: Legislative Procedures
- Vice Chair: Joint Rules
- Employment, Labor and Pensions
- Judiciary
- Insurance

### **Interim Study Committee**

- Chair: Special Interim Study Committee on Redistricting
- State Fair Advisory Committee

### **Telephone:**

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### **Education:**

- Attended Hanover College
- Graduated from Musicians Institute, Hollywood, CA

### **Occupation:**

- Vice President of Business Development at Hamilton National Title in Carmel

State Representative Jerry Torr is a sixth generation Hoosier. He grew up on a family farm in the heart of Putnam County and was a 10-year 4-H'er. In 1987, he moved to Carmel where he currently resides. He became the state representative for House District 39 in 1996.

During the 2005 legislative session, Rep. Torr authored the Daylight Savings Time (DST) bill that called for Indiana to finally observe DST. DST has been instrumental in job creation for the Hoosier state.

In 2005, Rep. Torr also authored the Health Insurance Waiver Act, allowing health insurers to issue policies to individuals who would otherwise be denied coverage due to one or two minor pre-existing conditions. Since the act became public law, countless Hoosier consumers have benefited.

Rep. Torr has been the leading force in pursuing legislation that would eliminate the unfair practice of gerrymandering in Indiana. Redistricting is done every 10 years by the party in majority that year. This tends to lead to gerrymandering that ensures that majority incumbents are re-elected. He has proposed legislation that would create a bipartisan commission (consisting of both Republicans and Democrats) to draw new Indiana House and Senate

districts. A bi-partisan commission would help to ensure that districts are drawn in the interest of constituents rather than in the interest of political parties and incumbent legislators.

Rep. Torr believes no Hoosier worker should be forced to join a labor union against his or her will as a condition of employment. In the 2012 legislative session, he championed House Bill 1001, Employee's Right to Work that was signed into law by the governor in Feb. 2012. Twenty-two states currently have "Right to Work" laws. Besides being a simple matter of fairness, economic development experts believe that a "Right to Work" law would bring many new jobs to Indiana.

Rep. Torr is a Client Executive at the Hylant Group. He was formerly a Commercial Casualty General Adjuster with FCCI Insurance Company in Carmel. He was previously a member of the Central Indiana Claims Association and the National Society of Professional Insurance Investors. He also previously served on the board of the Indiana Forum for Fair Liability Laws. In 1995, the forum was instrumental in the passage of a comprehensive Tort Reform Act. In addition, Rep. Torr formerly served as the Director of the President of the State Adjuster's Association.

Rep. Torr attended Hanover College where he studied music, philosophy and physics, among other things. He graduated from the Musicians Institute in Hollywood, CA in 1978 after studying guitar performance, music composition, arranging, orchestration and film scoring.

He is currently a member of all the Hamilton County Chambers of Commerce, including the Fishers Chamber of Commerce, the Westfield-Washington Chamber of Commerce and the Carmel/Clay Chamber of Commerce. He is a former Precinct Committeeman and has been a delegate to the Republican State Convention.

Rep. Torr has been honored with numerous awards including the 2005 Chamber of Commerce Government Leader of the Year Award and the Small Business Champion Award, also given by the Chamber of Commerce. Most recently, Rep. Torr received the Government Leader of the Year Award from the Indiana Chamber of Commerce again in 2012.