

# Elaboration: How important is a decimal place?

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On January 18, 1897 a bill was brought to the Indiana legislature by Dr. Edwin J. Goodwin to legally change the value of pi from 3.141592654.....to exactly 3.0.

Is this a good idea or a bad idea? Using data from your experiment, write an editorial supporting your opinion and persuading the legislature to vote your way.

Ruled lines for writing an editorial.

<http://www.indianaskeptics.org/mt-archives/2001/01/ 30.html>

[http://www.agecon.purdue.edu/crd/Localgov/Second%20Level%20pages/Indiana\\_Pi\\_Story.htm](http://www.agecon.purdue.edu/crd/Localgov/Second%20Level%20pages/Indiana_Pi_Story.htm)