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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6027

BILL NUMBER: HB 1286

DATE PREPARED: Oct 23, 1998

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Poor relief funds for utility assistance.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that a township trustee is not required to pay delinquent utility bills to prevent termination of utility services or to restore terminated services. (Current law states that the township trustee may pay delinquent utility bills but does not specifically state that the township trustee is not required to pay them.) A utility that has terminated service is required to restore the service if a township trustee authorizes the payment of future bills for the service.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Under current law, a township trustee may authorize the payment for utility payments, including the payment of delinquent bills, when necessary to prevent the termination of service or to restore services. Passage of this bill should not have a fiscal impact on the township trustee budget expenditures. If a township trustee elects not to pay delinquent utility bills, the township trustee could use the aid for another applicant(s).

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Township trustee.

Information Sources: