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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7627**

**BILL NUMBER: HB 1313**

**DATE PREPARED:** Feb 9, 1999

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 8, 1999

**SUBJECT:** Candidate names on the ballot.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**  **GENERAL**  
 **DEDICATED**  
 **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill provides that a candidate may use only the candidate's legal name, initials of the candidate's legal name, a nickname, and certain other designations on the ballot. It defines a candidate's legal name for purposes of placement of the name on the ballot. It requires a candidate's voter registration record to use the same name that the candidate uses on the ballot. (Under current law, a candidate's name appears on the ballot as the candidate's name appears on the candidate's voter registration record.)

This bill provides that a voter in the election district of a candidate that does not use the candidate's legal name on the ballot may file a challenge with the Indiana Election Commission or a county election board. It provides that if the commission or board finds that a candidate has not used the candidate's legal name on the ballot the candidate is considered to have withdrawn the candidate's candidacy. It also makes technical changes in the statutes to conform to the ballot name rule.

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2000.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) This bill specifies that individuals may appeal to the Indiana Election Commission if a candidate uses a name that is not permitted under the provisions of this bill. Implementation of this provision will have a minimal fiscal impact on the Election Commission which would hear challenges regarding candidates' name filing.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** (Revised) The implementation of this bill should have a minimal or no fiscal impact on county election boards and county voter registration offices.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana Election Commission.

**Local Agencies Affected:** County election boards and voter registration offices.

**Information Sources:**