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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1399

DATE PREPARED: Nov 16, 1998

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Public question and retention election information.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
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IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires preparation and mailing of a pamphlet to registered voters concerning: (1) the retention election of judicial offices; and (2) a public question. It specifies: (1) information to be provided; (2) mailing dates; and (3) provisions governing public review and comments.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Passage of this bill would require the Election Division, Secretary of State's Office, to prepare and mail a pamphlet to each registered voter concerning the retention election of judicial offices and a public question. The bill specifies the type of information to be included in the pamphlet as well as mailing dates. The cost of printing the pamphlet is indeterminable.

There are approximately 3 million registered voters in Indiana. If the pamphlet were mailed at the first class rate of \$0.32 per pamphlet the cost would be approximately \$960,000. If the Election Division obtained a bulk rate mail permit the cost would range between \$0.20-\$0.27 per pamphlet for an estimated mailing cost of \$600,000-\$810,000. There could be an additional cost of \$85 for a bulk rate mail permit.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Election Division, Secretary of State's Office.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: U.S. Postal Service, Customer Information, (317) 464-6000.