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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6338**

**BILL NUMBER: HB 1405**

**DATE PREPARED:** Feb 23, 1999

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 22, 1999

**SUBJECT:** Gary School Board elections.

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

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill has the following provisions: (A) It provides that the general statute relating to the manner in which the governing body of a school corporation is constituted does not apply to the governing body of the Gary school corporation. (B) It provides that the governing body may reorganize under the general statute after June 30, 2009. (C) It provides standards for election of the members of the governing body of the Gary school corporation on a nonpartisan basis. (D) It provides that the county election board shall impose a civil penalty of \$1,000 on a person that violates the standards. (E) It provides for the election of the seventh member of the governing body who may reside anywhere within the school corporation by all the voters of the school corporation. (Under current law, the seventh member is appointed by the mayor of Gary.) (F) It requires a local public question to be placed on the ballot in a special election held at the time of the 2000 primary election asking the voters of the city of Gary whether the members of the library board should be elected by the voters of the city. (G) It makes technical changes.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 1999.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** (Revised) Provision D: A civil penalty of \$1,000 can be imposed by the county election board on a person who violates the election standards established under Provision C. All civil penalties collected under this section shall be deposited with the county treasurer to be deposited by the county treasurer in a separate account to be known as the campaign finance enforcement account.

Provision F would likely have a minimal increase in printing costs for the Lake County Elections Board for

the primary election held on May 2, 2002. The Lake County Elections Board reports that the city of Gary has 70,972 registered voters as of January 1, 1999.

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Gary School Board, Lake County Elections Board

**Information Sources:** IC 3-9-4-17, Michelle Fajman, Lake County Elections Board, (219) 755-3818