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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7451

BILL NUMBER: HB 1434

DATE PREPARED: Jan 29, 1999

BILL AMENDED: Jan 28, 1999

SUBJECT: Registration of solicitors and fundraisers.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill requires a professional solicitor to submit the following information to the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General after a solicitation campaign has ended: (1) the total gross amount of money raised by the professional solicitor and the charitable organization; (2) the total amount of money paid to or retained by the professional solicitor; (3) the total amount of expenses paid by the charitable organization, excluding money paid to the professional solicitor; (4) the total amount of money paid to or retained by the charitable organization, after expenses and money paid to the professional solicitor are deducted. It provides that the Consumer Protection Division may deny or revoke the registration of a professional solicitor who fails to submit this information after the end of a campaign. It also provides that the Attorney General may impose fines on professional fundraiser consultants and professional solicitors for the late filing of reports.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: (Revised) Currently, there are approximately 250 registered professional fundraisers and solicitors. The fee to apply for a registration or to annually renew a registration is \$50. In FY 1998, \$14,050 in registration fee revenue was collected by the Attorney General. To the extent that the Consumer Protection Division denies or revokes the registration of a professional solicitor, revenue to its dedicated fund could decrease because the \$50 registration or renewal fee will not be collected from a fundraiser or solicitor who fails to file the required end of campaign report.

Revenue to the Common School Fund will increase if the Attorney General imposes fines on professional fundraiser consultants and professional solicitors for the late filing of reports. Criminal fines are deposited in the Common School Fund.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Office of the Attorney General

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: J.D. Lux, Office of the Attorney General, (317) 233-8438; *FY 1998 Indiana Handbook of Taxes, Revenues, and Appropriations*, p.123-124.