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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1565

DATE PREPARED: Jan 11, 1999

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Boards of voter registration.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill repeals the provision that requires the establishment of a board of registration in each county having a population of more than 125,000, and instead allows the county executive to adopt an order establishing a board of registration. It allows the county executive to abolish a board of registration established under an order.

The circuit court clerk is made the voter registration officer in a county where the board of registration is abolished. This bill allows the county executive to adopt an order providing for procedures or standards to be followed in transferring the county's registration authority from a board to the circuit court clerk.

This bill gives the county executive the authority to reestablish a board of registration that is abolished. It provides for the continuation of a board established prior to July 1, 1999, unless the county executive abolishes the board.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Under current statute, counties with a population of 125,000 or larger are required to have a board of registration. There are 9 counties (Allen, Elkhart, Lake, Madison, Marion, Porter, St. Joseph, Tippecanoe, Vanderburgh) with a population of 125,000 or larger. This bill increases the population threshold at which a board of registration is established in a county from 125,000 to 200,000. The provisions of this bill would only require 4 counties (Allen, Lake, Marion, and St. Joseph) to have a board of registration. This bill repeals the provision that requires the establishment of a board of registration in each county having a population of more than 125,000, and instead allows the county executive to adopt an order

establishing a board of registration. Additionally, this bill gives the county executive the authority to reestablish a board of registration that is abolished. The board of registration is paid from the county general fund. The fiscal impact of this bill is dependent on local action.

Under this bill, the circuit court clerk is made the voter registration officer in a county where the board of registration is abolished. The county executive is allowed to adopt an order providing for procedures or standards to be followed in transferring the county's registration authority from a board to the circuit court clerk. This can be done within the existing budget.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Counties of Allen, Elkhart, Lake, Madison, Marion, Porter, St. Joseph, Tippecanoe, Vanderburgh; Circuit court clerk; County executive.

Information Sources: