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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6359

BILL NUMBER: HB 1692

DATE PREPARED: Nov 23, 1998

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Election of judges.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the election of judges in Lake County and St. Joseph County. It eliminates the Allen County Judicial Nominating Commission, the Lake County Judicial Nominating Commission, the St. Joseph County Judicial Nominating Commission, and the St. Joseph County Judicial Qualifications Commission. It also continues current judges in office until the end of the judges' current terms.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The passage of this bill may increase printing expenses involved in preparing ballots for the election of Superior Court judges. The additional costs will depend upon how the districts are drawn and other factors. Election expenses are paid from the county general fund.

Although the bill repeals current law which includes the 7-member Judicial Nominating and Qualification Committees, no savings would be realized because in practice, members do not claim the per diem and expense reimbursements to which they are now entitled.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Lake County Judicial Nominating Commission; Allen County Judicial Nominating Commission; St. Joseph County Judicial Nominating Commission.

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