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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7958
BILL NUMBER: SB 523

DATE PREPARED: Feb 23, 1999
BILL AMENDED: Feb 23, 1999

SUBJECT: Various election matters.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill provides that a uniformed police officer may serve as an absentee ballot courier. A county election board may appoint, by a unanimous vote of its members, only one absentee ballot courier if the person appointed is a voter of the county.

This bill increases the population threshold at which a board of registration is established in a county from 125,000 to 200,000. It provides that a board of registration existing under the lower threshold continues unless the county election board votes, by a unanimous vote of its members, to abolish the board of registration.

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. It provides that a board of registration existing under the lower threshold continues unless the county election board votes, by a unanimous vote of its members, to abolish the board of registration. The board of registration is paid from the county general fund. The fiscal impact of this bill is dependent on local action.

The remaining provisions of this bill have no fiscal impact.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Allen, Elkhart, Lake, Madison, Marion, Porter, St. Joseph, Tippecanoe, Vanderburgh.

Information Sources: