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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7963**  
**BILL NUMBER: SB 578**

**DATE PREPARED:** Apr 7, 1999  
**BILL AMENDED:** Apr 5, 1999

**SUBJECT:** Temporary administrative appointments.

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

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill allows a sheriff in a county with a population of more than 50,000 to establish temporary administrative ranks and positions and appoint and remove county officers to the temporary positions without the approval of the sheriff's merit board. It provides that a county officer appointed to a temporary position must have served as a county officer in the county for at least five years before appointment. It provides that a county officer appointed to a temporary administrative position maintains the officer's rank, grade, or position. It also requires a sheriff in a county with a population of more than 50,000 to establish written rules and regulations governing the discipline of county police officers with the approval of the merit board.

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

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** (Revised) This bill would allow sheriffs in 24 counties to make certain administrative appointments, if they have also served as police officers in that county for five or more years. Any changes in salary and benefit provisions applied to temporary ranks or positions would have to be either: (1) within current budgetary allowances approved by the county fiscal body; or (2) newly approved by the county fiscal body.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Twenty-four sheriffs' departments whose counties have a population of more than

50,000, including: Marion, Lake, Allen, St Joseph, Vanderburgh, Elkhart, Madison, Tippecanoe, Porter, Delaware, Monroe, Hamilton, Laporte, Vigo, Johnson, Clark, Howard, Hendricks, Grant, Wayne, Kosciusko, Floyd, Bartholomew, and Morgan.

**Information Sources:** John Catey, Mike Slinger, Indiana Sheriff's Association.