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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7095
BILL NUMBER: HB 1298

DATE PREPARED: Jan 10, 2000
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Jury selection.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires jury commissioners for a county to compile and maintain a master list of prospective jurors that consists of all residents of the county who: (1) pay property taxes; (2) have registered motor vehicles; (3) are utility customers; (4) file income tax returns; (5) are listed in city directories in the county; (6) are listed in telephone directories in the county; and (7) have been issued driver's licenses. It also allows county voter registration lists to be used only to supplement master lists.

Effective Date: January 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: This bill would increase county expenditures even for counties which utilize computerized jury selection systems due to the inability to merge property tax, registered motor vehicles, utility customers, income tax, city and telephone directory, and driver's license records into a database. In addition to merging all such records, any duplication of names would have to be eliminated from the list, in addition to names of persons under the age of 18 (required minimum age for jury duty). It is estimated that counties would be required to expend several hundred thousand dollars to develop databases to meet the requirements of this bill.

In 1998, counties paid a total of \$4M for juror per diems and an estimated \$400,000 for juror lodging and meals. In the same year, 2,405 cases were disposed by jury trial statewide.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Jury commissioners; county clerks.

Information Sources: Matt Brooks, Executive Director, Association of Indiana Counties, (317) 684-3710; Jo Ellen Trimble, Wayne County Clerk, President, Association of Clerks, (765) 973-9240; Ron Miller, Statistician, Division of State Court Administration, (317) 232-2542; *1998 Indiana Judicial Report, Vol. I*, p.57, 81.