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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6128**  
**BILL NUMBER: SB 137**

**DATE PREPARED:** Nov 15, 1999  
**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Secured transactions.

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

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill adopts the most recent revision to Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code concerning secured transactions. It also makes conforming amendments.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2001.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** A secured transaction is intended to create a security interest in personal property or fixtures, including goods, documents and other intangibles. Article 9 of the UCC covers all such property except for real estate.

This bill requires a centralized system for UCC filings. Currently, Indiana has a dual filing system. Some UCC filings are made with the county recorder's office and some are made with the Secretary of State's Office. This proposal would eliminate local UCC filings and require that all UCC filings be made with the Secretary of State's Office. Any increased burden on the Secretary of State's Office can be offset by the ability to charge filing fees.

This bill may result in long term efficiencies because in addition to providing for centralized filing, it also facilitates electronic filing. In addition, the resulting uniformity may promote interstate commerce because it will be simpler for businesses to file in one centralized place.

This bill maintains the fact that currently, the Secretary of State's Office is not responsible for the contents of UCC filings, has no obligation to review UCC filings, and incurs no liability as a result.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** Due to the elimination of the local UCC filing system and the fees that are assessed on filings by county recorders, this bill will result in a decrease in local revenue. The amount of revenue generated from UCC filing fees is unknown.

**State Agencies Affected:** Office of the Secretary of State

**Local Agencies Affected:** County recorders

**Information Sources:** John McCabe, National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, (312) 915-5976; Todd Rokita, Office of the Secretary of State, (317) 232-6541; Marion County Recorder's Office (317) 327-4020; Matt Brooks, Indiana Association of Counties, (317) 684-3710.