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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7541

BILL NUMBER: SB 346

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 25, 2007

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Marion County Superior Courts.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Bray

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill removes the requirement that certain judicial decisions made by the superior court of Marion County be made *en banc* or by a majority of the judges.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The bill is anticipated to result in potential costs savings for the operations of Marion County courts and a reduction of delays in hearing cases.

"En banc" means all together or all at once. There are three situations in statute that call for all of the judges in a county to hear a case at the same time.

<u>Code Cite</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Judges Needed</u>
IC 7.1-3-23-31	Appeals by applicants for wholesalers permits	Majority
IC 36-4-4-5	Disputes occurring concerning power between the executive and legislative branches at the local level	All Judges
IC 36-7-15.1-11	Certain written remonstrances	At Least a Majority

Not requiring all or a majority of judges to hear these cases in Marion County courts would likely be able to avoid delays in hearing these cases since Marion County has 33 courts.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Marion County Circuit and Superior Courts.

Information Sources: *Indiana Judicial Report.*

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