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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6163

BILL NUMBER: HB 1235

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 9, 2009

BILL AMENDED: Feb 5, 2009

SUBJECT: Poll Closing Time.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Bartlett

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) The bill requires the polls in each precinct to close at 8 p.m. rather than 6 p.m. on election day. The bill provides that the time at which half-day precinct election officers change is 1 p.m. rather than noon on election day. The bill makes conforming amendments.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (Revised) Two additional hours of operation could require an increase in precinct election board expenditures. Additional expenditures would depend on the decision of each county executive or town fiscal body to adjust per diem and other personnel costs. Additionally, there could be an increase in cost for use of election supplies and facilities.

Background Information: Based on a small sample of Indiana counties, per diem for election board members can range from \$65 to \$150 for inspectors and from \$40 to \$100 for judges, clerks, and sheriffs.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Counties, towns, and precincts.

Information Sources:

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