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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7532

BILL NUMBER: HB 1346

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 8, 2009

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: First Responder Right to Vote.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Pearson

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: *Absentee Ballots*- The bill provides that a member of the military or public safety officer may vote an absentee ballot by mail.

Return to Vote after Emergency- The bill provides that a member of the military or public safety officer who has signed the poll list and is called from the polls before voting to respond to an emergency in the voter's capacity as a member of the military or public safety officer is entitled to return to the polls and vote upon execution of an affidavit.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Election Commission (EC) would be able to prescribe an affidavit form within the course of a regular business meeting. If completely accessible electronically, the Election Division (ED) would have minimal, if any, expenditures from printing the affidavit form.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Absentee Ballots*- Counties may require extra absentee ballots available as a result of this provision. The impact would depend on the number of qualified voters that apply for an absentee ballot and vote by mail.

Return to Vote after Emergency- Precinct election board clerks may require additional administrative time to fill out affidavits for military or public safety personnel returning from an emergency to vote.

Background- The following table provides estimates on the number of certain Indiana first-responder occupations that would be affected by the bill.

First-Responder Occupation (IC 10-14-2-5)	Estimated Employment 2007
Firefighters/Emergency Medical Service Providers	6,050
Police Officers (Local)	10,760
Police Officers (State)	1,266
Excise Police	470
Conservation Officers	180
Probation Officers	1,830
Correctional Officers	8,460
Paramedics/EMT's	5,090
Military (including reserves and national guard)	20,000
State or Local Emergency Management Agency	230
Total	54,336

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Election Commission

Local Agencies Affected: Counties (precinct election boards)

Information Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Indiana State Police: 2007 Annual Report; Office of the United States Secretary of Defense; Indiana State Budget Agency: *General and Rainy Day Fund Summaries, June 30, 2008.*

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