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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7272

BILL NUMBER: HB 1311

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BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Election Matters.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Mayfield

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: *Precinct Residency*- The bill provides that a person does not gain residency in a precinct into which the person moves for educational purposes if the person pays a nonresident tuition rate.

Electronic Poll Lists- The bill permits a county election board (CEB) to adopt an order, under certain conditions, approving the use of an electronic poll list and electronic signature pads in each precinct of the county.

Redistricting Local Legislative Districts- The bill provides that if the body required to redistrict the legislative district boundaries of a political subdivision after a federal decennial census determines that redistricting is not required, the body shall recertify the district boundaries. The bill requires that a map of the legislative districts of a political subdivision be filed with the circuit court clerk each time the boundaries are redrawn or recertified.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Electronic Poll Lists*- A CEB that adopts an order to use electronic poll lists (e-poll lists) under the bill would first have to determine that the county has the adequate hardware, firmware, and/or software necessary to create an electronic poll list. The requirement to have the adequate

materials in place could enable an adopting county to minimize or eliminate any additional cost necessary to create an e-poll list. The savings generated by no longer printing poll books could allow an adopting county to redirect the budget for poll printing toward the creation of an e-poll list. Total costs would depend on CEB action, including whether the list included electronic signature imaging.

Redistricting Local Legislative Districts- County executive, legislative, and fiscal bodies, city and town legislative bodies, Marion County City Council and township legislative bodies, and school boards would have to provide maps of either recertified or redrawn district boundaries to the respective county clerks. It is likely, the governing bodies required to send maps could either send them electronically or send a printed copy with minimal additional expenditure for printing and postage.

However, smaller towns and school boards may not necessarily be able to produce the maps in a printed form without the assistance of a map production vendor. Units that require vendor assistance to produce maps would see an increase in expenditures. Legislative bodies of towns, third class cities, and second class cities are currently only required to send a copy of the ordinance establishing new districts to the circuit court clerk.

Background Information- e-poll list hardware and software can total \$1,775 per unit including all hardware and software.

Tippecanoe County Vote Center e-Poll Lists- Tippecanoe County was the first county to establish vote centers. As part of the requirement for vote centers, the county had to establish an e-poll list. The county paid \$10,750 for e-poll list hardware and software for their vote centers. As a result, the county did not have to print paper poll books, which were estimated to cost \$1,782 to produce. Based on the start-up cost of the e-poll list development and the savings from not having to print paper poll books, the county would break even within roughly six elections conducted by its vote centers.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Counties, Consolidated City, second class cities, third class cities, towns, school boards.

Information Sources: Tippecanoe County Election and Voter Registration Office: *Vote Centers 2007-Looking Forward to 2008.*

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