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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6952
BILL NUMBER: SB 312

DATE PREPARED: Dec 28, 1999
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Various election matters.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: Provision #1: This bill allows the Election Commission to allow use of an earlier version of an election or registration form if: (1) the earlier form complies with federal and state election law; (2) the earlier form will not be confusing to the user; and (3) use of the earlier form will prevent waste and unnecessary expense.

Provision 2: This bill requires an applicant to provide the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number on a voter registration form.

Provision 3: This bill provides that various petitions must contain the birth date of each petitioner.

Provision 4: A distribution of not more than 100 substantially similar fliers, handbills, or brochures is exempt from the disclaimer requirements for campaign materials.

Provision 5: This bill changes the size of a precinct from 1,200 voters to 2,000 voters.

Provision 6: The requirement that a circuit court clerk identify the precinct on a ballot card's secrecy envelope is eliminated.

Provision 7: This bill eliminates the post-test requirement for an optical scan voting system.

Provision 8: This bill changes the date by which a vacancy on a general or municipal ballot must be filled from August 1 to not later than 30 days after the primary election.

Provision 9: This bill assigns the following study topics to the census data advisory committee: (1) Requiring municipal election calendars to conform to county, state, and federal elections. (2) The movement of municipal elections from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years.

Effective Date: Upon passage; January 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Provision 1: The ability to use existing forms will reduce the cost of printing forms. The fiscal impact is indeterminable but could be substantial.

Provision 2: Currently the voter registration form requests the Social Security number of an individual as allowed under the federal Privacy Act of 1974 (U.S.C. 552a). A space is provided on the voter registration form for this information.

This bill requires an applicant to provide the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number on a voter registration form. This provision will require a change in the current form. The cost of changing and printing the form can be done within the existing budget.

Provision 9: This bill assigns two subjects to be studied by the Census Data Advisory Committee (CDAC). The CDAC is a permanent statutory committee staffed by the Legislative Services Agency. In the 1999 interim the CDAC had a budget of \$9,000 with actual expenditures of approximately \$2,746. The addition of the subjects to be studied can be done within the budget of the CDAC.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Provisions 3-8: No fiscal impact.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Election Commission.

Local Agencies Affected: County; City; Town.

Information Sources: