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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6638

BILL NUMBER: HB 1118

DATE PREPARED: Feb 6, 2001

BILL AMENDED: Feb 5, 2001

SUBJECT: Extension of Voting Hours.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

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

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (Revised) As amended, the bill moves from 12 p.m. until 1 p.m. the time that a precinct election officer, with the exception of the precinct inspector, would serve on a half-day basis.

Currently, precinct election officers are appointed by the County Election Board, except in Lake County where the officers are appointed by a combination of an Election Board and Registration Board. A precinct has the following officers:

Type of Officer	Number
Inspector	1
Judge	2
Poll Clerk	2
Sheriff	2
Asst. Poll Clerk	2 (Optional)

The County Executive is allowed by State statute to fix a per diem and a meal allowance for work performed on election day by the above listed officers. For municipal elections, a town fiscal body fixes compensation.

In addition, an inspector can receive additional compensation for the duties of acquisition and return of election supplies to the Circuit Court Clerk's Office.

5,530 precincts existed in Indiana during the most recent general election.

Changes to local expenditures would depend on the decision of each County Executive or town fiscal body on whether to increase the election day per diem to account for the additional two hours of voting. Expenses that are not personnel related would also depend on each precinct's requirements for use of election supplies and facilities for two additional hours.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Counties, Towns, Precincts.

Information Sources: Lori Hershberger, Elections Division, Indiana Secretary of State.