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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7632

BILL NUMBER: HB 1161

DATE PREPARED: Jan 1, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Name changes by felons.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires a person convicted of certain felonies who desires a name change to file a petition for a change of name. It requires the petitioner to appear at a hearing in the circuit court in the county in which the petitioner resides. It requires the court to hold a hearing on the petition at which the petitioner is present. It requires the petitioner to give notice to the sheriff, prosecuting attorney, and Indiana Central Repository for Criminal History Information at least 30 days before the hearing.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The State Police could experience an increase in expenses regarding the reporting requirements of this bill. However, since felons are already required under current Indiana law to report their intentions of petitioning for a change of name to the State Police, such an increase would likely be minimal.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: County circuit courts (the courts) would experience additional expenses in conducting hearings. The specific costs are currently indeterminable, and would depend upon the number of felons that petition the courts for a change of name.

It is possible that the above costs could be offset by a savings to the county resulting from less felons petitioning the courts for a change of name in light of hearing requirements. Specific cost savings are currently indeterminable, and would vary from county to county.

Background- Under current Indiana law, felons are allowed to petition the courts for a change of name (other than ones confined to a Department of Correction Facility). However, the courts are not required to hold hearings in order to grant the petitions.

Individuals who are convicted of sex offenses are required to notify the Criminal Justice Institute in light of a name change (due to a marriage) for the purposes of updating the Sex Offender Registry.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana State Police.

Local Agencies Affected: County Circuit Courts; Sheriffs' Departments; Prosecuting Attorneys' Offices.

Information Sources: