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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1788

DATE PREPARED: Feb 23, 2001

BILL AMENDED: Feb 22, 2001

SUBJECT: Electric Meter Bases.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill provides that when a customer of a public or municipally owned electric utility installs or upgrades electric service, the utility must supply the customer with a meter base if the meter base:

- (1) is necessary for the installation or upgrade; and
- (2) has not already been supplied by the customer.

The bill prohibits a utility from requiring a customer, or a contractor or subcontractor hired by the customer, to obtain a meter from an outside supplier or vendor.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and the Office of the Utility Consumer Counselor are funded by public utilities. The annual fee charged to utilities is based on the budgets of these two agencies. At the end of the fiscal year, if the total public utility fees in the Public Utility Fund plus the unspent balance of the Fund exceeds the total appropriations for the IURC and the OUCC (plus a \$250,0000 contingency fund), then the IURC must compute each utility's share of the excess. This share is then deducted from any subsequent payment of the utility's public utility fees. In FY 2000, public utility fines and fees generated \$8,053,986.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission; Office of the Utility Consumer

Counselor.

Local Agencies Affected: Some municipally owned utilities may be affected by this bill.

Information Sources: