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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1339

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 5, 2003

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Date of city elections.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Chowning

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill authorizes a city to adopt an ordinance to provide for holding city elections in even-numbered years.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary:* Under the bill, cities adopting an ordinance to coincide their elections with the federal, state, and county election cycle may experience a reduction in expenditures. Savings would occur to the county and the municipality for the payment of precinct election officials, assuming precinct election board membership is not increased by either amending current state law or local action. Moving municipal elections to even years would reduce the number of times the county must assemble a precinct election board per election cycle. The overall impact to local expenditures would depend on local action.

Background: Under current law, county election boards are required, with some exceptions, to conduct a municipal primary and election. Additionally, expenses from county-operated municipal elections are reimbursed by the municipality to the county. If the expenses of a municipal primary or election cannot be directly attributed to a single municipality, the expenses are apportioned 25% to the county and 75% to the municipalities in the county holding an election.

A precinct has the following election officers:

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

Expenses to run an election include election board expenses, rental of a facility for polling (if necessary), and/or voting equipment (if necessary). The following table lists a small sample of Indiana counties' per diem for election board members:

| County | Per Diem* |
|-------------|---|
| Lake | Inspectors: \$131 Judges/Clerks: \$100 Sheriffs: \$75 |
| Kosciusko** | Inspectors: \$115 Judges/Clerks: \$95 |
| Johnson | Inspectors: \$150 Other Members: \$100 |
| Marion | Inspectors: \$110 Other Members: \$70 |
| Marshall | Inspectors: \$115 Other Members: \$70 |
| Orange | Inspectors: \$65 Other Members: \$40 |
| Perry** | Inspectors: \$100 Judges/Clerks: \$75 |
| Randolph | Inspectors: \$110 Other Members: \$75 |
| Vigo | Inspectors: \$100 Judges/Clerks/Sheriffs: \$70 Travel Boards: \$30 Ballot Delivers: \$30 |
| Warren | Inspectors: \$110 Other Members: \$90 |

* Including food allowance and training where applicable ** Eliminated Sheriffs
One county reported non-public facility rental costs of \$100 per day.

Counties are required to list a budget for municipal elections on county election report CEB-9. For the 1999 general municipal election, 78 counties reported either estimated or actual expenditures totaling \$3.5 M, at an average of approximately \$45,000.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Counties with a city adopting an ordinance to have city elections coincide with federal, state, and county general and primary elections.

Information Sources: Indiana Election Division, (317) 232-3939; Marion County Election Board, 327-5117; Voter Registration, Marshall County Circuit Court Clerk's Office, (574) 935-8713; Warren County Clerk's Office, (765) 762-3510; Angela Sheppard, Lake County Election Board, (219) 755-3443; Kosciusko County Clerk's Office, (574) 372-2332; Johnson County Clerk's Office, (317) 736-3708; Vigo County Clerk's Office (812) 462-3214; Orange County Clerk's Office, (812) 723-2649; Randolph County Clerk's Office, (765) 584-4214; Perry County Clerk's Office, (812) 547-3741.

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