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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7348

BILL NUMBER: HB 1771

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 6, 2003

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Form of paper ballots.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Richardson

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill removes the requirement that paper ballots be printed on a particular color paper.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Summary:* Under the bill, the Election Division could see a reduction in ballot cost. If ballots for federal and statewide offices could be printed on one color of paper, the offices could be combined on one ballot.

Background: For the 2000 general election, the cost of paper ballots per 1,000 voters was about \$54.75, while the cost of changing ballots for direct recording electronic voting systems would likely be less. The cost of optical scan ballots were about \$300 per thousand.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary:* Under the bill, county election boards could also see a reduction in ballot cost, if local offices were combined and printed on the same color paper as state and federal offices would.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Election Division.

Local Agencies Affected: County election boards.

Information Sources: Indiana Election Division, (317) 232-3939; Election Systems and Software (317) 913-0230.

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