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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6352

BILL NUMBER: HB 1953

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 7, 2002

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Allocation of election expenses.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Thompson

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that a municipality must bear certain election expenses of: (1) an election held in an even numbered year only within the municipality; or (2) an election conducted by the county in an odd-numbered year in which the municipality has at least one office or one public question on the ballot. The bill provides that odd-numbered year election expenses that cannot be allocated directly to a particular municipality must be apportioned among the county's municipalities having at least one office or one public question on the ballot.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Under the bill, reimbursement of election expenses to the county would be directly attributable to those municipalities with at least one office or public question on the ballot in a municipal primary and/or municipal election during an odd-numbered year. Reimbursement to the county would also be required, under the bill, if a municipal special election is held in a municipality in an even-numbered year.

For an election held in a county that cannot be directly attributable to a municipality, the expenses would be allocated to each municipality based on the ratio of precincts in the municipality in which the election is held to the total number of precincts in the county in which an election is held.

The impact to local expenditures would vary and would depend on the number of municipalities that meet these conditions in either an odd-numbered year municipal election or even-numbered year special election.

Under the bill, registration expenses for the salaries for members and assistants of a county board of registration and chief clerks in the counties that employ them may not be charged to municipalities. However, municipalities may be charged for the wages of persons specially employed to provide additional assistance reasonably related to an election.

A sample of precinct election board wages are outlined below.

Sample County Precinct Election Board Expenses.

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 Deliverers: \$30
Warren	Inspectors: \$110 Other Members: \$90

* Including food allowance and training where applicable.

** Eliminated Sheriffs.

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 municipal election is defined as an election in which the electorate of a municipality chooses by ballot public officials for the municipality or decides a public question.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Counties; Municipalities.

Information Sources: 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; 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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