HOUSE BILL No. 1953

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 3-5-3.

Synopsis: Allocation of election expenses. 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. 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: July 1, 2003.

Thompson

January 23, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Elections and Apportionment.

First Regular Session 113th General Assembly (2003)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.
  Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.
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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1   SECTION 1. IC 3-5-3-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 1. (a) Except as provided in
3 ~~sections 7 through 10~~ **section 12** of this chapter, the county auditor
4 shall pay the expenses of voter registration and for all election supplies,
5 equipment, and expenses out of the county treasury in the manner
6 provided by law. The county fiscal body shall make the necessary
7 appropriations for these purposes.
8   (b) The county executive shall pay to the circuit court clerk or board
9 of registration the expenses of:
10   (1) removing voters from the registration record under IC 3-7-43,
11   IC 3-7-45, or IC 3-7-46; and
12   (2) performing voter list maintenance programs under IC 3-7;
13 out of the county treasury without appropriation.
14   ~~(c) Registration expenses incurred by a circuit court clerk or board~~
15 ~~of registration for:~~
16   ~~(1) the salaries of members of a board of registration appointed~~
17   ~~under IC 3-7-12-9;~~

1 ~~(2) the salaries of chief clerks appointed under IC 3-7-12-17; and~~
2 ~~(3) the salaries of assistants employed under IC 3-7-12-19;~~
3 ~~may not be charged to a municipality. However, the municipality may~~
4 ~~be charged for wages of extra persons employed to provide additional~~
5 ~~assistance reasonably related to the municipal election.~~
6 SECTION 2. IC 3-5-3-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
7 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
8 1, 2003]: **Sec. 12. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b)(2), this**
9 **section does not apply to an election held in an even-numbered**
10 **year.**
11 **(b) This section applies to the following elections:**
12 **(1) An election (including a primary election) held in a**
13 **municipality in an odd-numbered year that includes:**
14 **(A) at least one (1) municipal office on the ballot; or**
15 **(B) at least one (1) public question on the ballot to be voted**
16 **on only by the voters of the municipality.**
17 **(2) A special election held in a municipality in an**
18 **even-numbered year in which only the voters of the**
19 **municipality are eligible to vote.**
20 **(c) All expenses for an election that is conducted by a county**
21 **election board shall be:**
22 **(1) allowed by the county executive; and**
23 **(2) paid out of the general fund of the county, without any**
24 **appropriation being required.**
25 **The county auditor shall certify the amount of the allowance to the**
26 **fiscal officer of the municipality. The fiscal body of the**
27 **municipality shall make the necessary appropriation to reimburse**
28 **the county for the expense of the election.**
29 **(d) This subsection applies to all expenses of an election held in**
30 **the county that cannot be allocated directly to a particular**
31 **municipality. The expenses shall be allocated to each municipality**
32 **to which this section applies based on the ratio that the number of**
33 **precincts in the municipality in which the election is held is to the**
34 **total number of precincts in the county in which an election is held.**
35 **(e) Registration expenses incurred by a circuit court clerk or**
36 **board of registration for:**
37 **(1) the salaries of members of a board of registration**
38 **appointed under IC 3-7-12-9;**
39 **(2) the salaries of chief clerks appointed under IC 3-7-12-17;**
40 **and**
41 **(3) the salaries of assistants employed under IC 3-7-12-19;**
42 **may not be charged to a municipality. However, a municipality**

1   **may be charged for wages of persons specially employed to provide**
2   **additional assistance reasonably related to the election.**
3   **(f) The state board of accounts shall prescribe a form on which**
4   **the county election board shall itemize all the expenses of an**
5   **election for which a municipality is required to reimburse the**
6   **county under this section.**
7   SECTION 3. THE FOLLOWING ARE REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
8   JULY 1, 2003]: IC 3-5-3-7; IC 3-5-3-8; IC 3-5-3-9; IC 3-5-3-10;
9   IC 3-5-3-11.