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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6120

BILL NUMBER: SB 37

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 3, 2004

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Retention of election materials.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Landske

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Passed Senate

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill makes available to the public election material required to be retained following an election after expiration of the period for filing a petition or cross-petition for a recount of votes or to contest the election. The bill requires a county voter registration office to keep confidential that part of election material necessary to protect the secrecy of a voter's ballot.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary:* This bill provides that specific election materials are to be made available for copying and inspection. The fiscal impact of this proposal is considered negligible.

Background: Statute provides that each county is required to establish a fee schedule for the copying of documents. The fee may not exceed the actual cost to copy a document. Actual cost includes the cost of paper and the per page cost for copy use and does not include labor or overhead costs.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: County voter registration office.

Information Sources:

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