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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7129**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1178

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 30, 2004

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Voter Identification.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Burton

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill provides that, before a voter may vote at the polls, the voter must show identification that contains a photograph of the voter. The bill removes provisions of the law relating to comparison of a voter's signature at the polls with the voter's signature on the registration record. The bill repeals superseded statutes concerning voter registration and procedures for admittance of a voter to the polls.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2005.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** *Summary:* Under the bill, precinct election board members would be required to adjust their procedures to admit a voter to the polls. Board members would be required to verify the photo identification of the voter. Except for the administrative time involved to verify photo identification, this provision should impact precinct election boards minimally.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Counties, precinct election boards.

**Information Sources:**

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