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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7716

BILL NUMBER: HB 1703

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 23, 2005

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Marion Superior Court Judges.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Murphy

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill has the following provisions:

- A. It requires the 32 judges of the Marion Superior Court to be appointed by the Governor for six-year terms.
- B. It establishes the Marion Superior Court Judicial Nominating Commission to submit candidates to the Governor for appointment to the court.
- C. It provides that the judges are retained or rejected by the Marion County electorate every six years. It provides for the initial appointment of 17 judges before October 1, 2006, for terms beginning January 1, 2007, and ending December 31, 2008, with initial retention elections to occur at the 2008 general election.
- D. It provides for the initial appointment of the remaining 15 judges before October 1, 2008, for terms beginning January 1, 2009, and ending December 31, 2010, with initial retention elections to occur at the 2010 general election.
- E. It repeals the provision that requires the judges to be elected for six-year terms.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Any costs to the budget of the Marion County Commissioners is likely to be minimal. The five members of the Marion County Superior Court Nominating Commission receive no compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual expenses that they incur in performing any duties. The Board

of County Commissioners would be required to provide facilities, equipment, supplies and services for the Commission to carry out the Nominating Commission's work.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Office of the Governor; Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court.

Local Agencies Affected: Marion County Superior Court.

Information Sources: Cale Bradford, Marion County Superior Court.

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