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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6084

BILL NUMBER: SB 14

SUBJECT: Ballot Form.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 8, 2004

BILL AMENDED:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill establishes a ballot form that lists candidates by office for optical scan and electronic voting systems. The bill provides that references to punch card ballots expire December 31, 2005 (the use of punch card ballots is prohibited after that date). The bill removes references to ballot card and electronic voting systems in provisions that only apply to paper ballots. The bill requires that certain features of an electronic voting system concerning the verification or correction of a voter's ballot apply after December 31, 2005.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary:* Under current law, ballots for all voting methods (paper ballot, punch card, lever machine, optical scan, and direct recording electronic) are required to be listed by party. Under the bill, counties with voting systems other than the paper ballot method would be required to arrange their general election ballots by office, in the order specified under the guidelines of IC 3-11-2 (General Election Ballot Forms). Optical scan system counties may experience some minimal expenditure to update ballot forms (printing) to conform with the bill.

Counties with Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) systems may experience some minimal expenditure to update their electronic ballot (reprogramming) to conform with the bill. Counties that currently do not employ an

optical scan or direct recording electronic voting system would have to conform to the provisions of the bill upon adoption of one of these voting methods.

Background: As of February 2004, the following counties have the following voting systems:

Type of Voting System	Number of Counties Using the Voting System
Direct Recording Electronic	43
Optical Scan	31
Punch Card	17
Lever	1

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Counties.

Information Sources: Indiana Election Division.

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