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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1028

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 15, 2006

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Election Day Voter Registration; Voter Identification.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Day

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: *Voter Registration at Polls-* The bill permits a voter to register at the polls by completing a voter registration form and an affirmation that the person has not voted elsewhere in the election and by providing proof of identification. The bill requires that voter registration forms executed at the polls be processed in the same manner as other registrations.

Voter Identification- The bill limits to: (1) voters who register on election day; and (2) voters required to provide proof of identification under federal law; the requirement that a voter provide proof of identification. (Under federal law, a voter who has registered by mail for the first time is required to provide proof of identification.)

Definition- The bill changes the definition of "proof of identification" to reflect the standards set by federal law. It repeals statutes relating to the requirement that all voters present proof of identification.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Voter Registration at Polls-* The Election Commission would be required to prescribe a form for an affirmation statement that a person registering to vote on election day at a precinct had not voted elsewhere on election day. Additionally, the Election Division would be required to prescribe a standardized coding system to classify day-of-election registration documents to be placed in the county voter registration system. These provisions would have a minimal impact on the Commission's and the Division's expenditures.

Background: As of November 2006, the Election Division had 11 filled staff positions. The Indiana Election

Commission, under which the Election Division operates, reverted \$55,072 to the General Fund at the end of FY 2006.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Voter Registration at Polls*- Under the bill, county election boards and precinct election boards would have several additional responsibilities that would increase the administrative time necessary to ensure persons that registered on the day of election were able to vote.

Counties would have to ensure that precincts had enough registration forms, affirmation forms, regular ballots (in optical scan counties), and provisional ballots in order to meet the potential additional demand to vote due to day-of-election registration. Direct recording electronic voting system counties would not require much additional expenditure with respect to regular ballots.

Background: Optical scan ballots cost about \$0.29 per ballot, or \$290 per 1,000 ballots.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Election Commission; Indiana Election Division.

Local Agencies Affected: County election boards; precinct election boards.

Information Sources: *FY2006 General and Rainy Day Fund Summaries*; State of Indiana Detail Staffing Report, 10/03/2006.

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