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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7527

BILL NUMBER: HB 1265

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 9, 2007

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Redistricting commission.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Avery

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

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

IMPACT: Pending

Summary of Legislation: Establishes a redistricting commission (commission) to create, hold hearings on, take public comment about, and recommend plans to redraw general assembly districts and congressional districts. Requires the legislative services agency (agency) to provide staff and administrative services to the commission. Establishes standards to govern the commission and the agency in the creation of redistricting plans. Provides that a person employed by the agency or under contract with the agency may not knowingly or intentionally use political data in the creation or evaluation of a redistricting plan. Provides that a person may not knowingly or intentionally solicit, aid, induce, or cause a person employed by the agency or under a contract with the agency to use political data in the creation or evaluation of a redistricting plan. Provides that violation of these restrictions is a Class D felony. Repeals current law relating to congressional redistricting. Continuously appropriates from the state general fund the amounts necessary to pay the expenses to implement the statute.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *As of the above date, the fiscal analysis of this bill has not been completed. Please contact the Office of Fiscal and Management Analysis for an update of this fiscal impact statement.*

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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