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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6649
BILL NUMBER: SB 341

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 27, 2007
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Explanation of Proposed Constitutional Amendments.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Dillon
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill requires the Attorney General (AG) to prepare a neutral summary of any proposed state constitutional amendment. The bill requires the AG to distribute a copy of the summary to various entities and post the summary on the AG's Internet web site not later than 60 days before the election at which the proposed amendment is submitted to the voters. The bill requires a copy of the summary to be posted at each polling place. The bill provides that the AG has absolute discretion to determine the contents of the summary, and prohibits the bringing of an action based on the exercise of this discretion.

Effective Date: July 1, 2008.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Summary- The AG and the Election Division would be able to carry out these additional responsibilities with existing resources and staff.

Background Information- The AG's General Fund appropriation is \$15.4 M for FY 2008. The AG did not revert any of their General Fund appropriation at the close of FY 2007. However, the AG reverted \$34,631 in FY 2006 and \$46,010 in FY 2005 to the General Fund.

The Indiana Election Division reverted \$21,218 to the General Fund at the end of FY 2007. The Election Division had printing costs of about \$6,900 in FY 2007.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: County election boards would need to forward copies of amendment

summaries to precinct inspectors. County election boards would be able to accomplish this provision with existing resources and staff.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Attorney General, Election Division.

Local Agencies Affected: County election boards.

Information Sources: State Budget Agency: *FY 2007 General and Rainy Day Fund Summaries*.

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