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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6127

BILL NUMBER: HB 1330

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 3, 2008

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Lake Superior Court County Division.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Lawson L

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides for the four judges of the Lake Superior Court county division to be: (1) nominated by the Lake County Superior Court Judicial Nominating Commission and appointed by the governor; and (2) subject to the question of retention or rejection by the Lake County electorate every six years. (Current law provides that the judges of the Lake Superior Court county division are elected by the electorate of Lake County every six years.) It also repeals provisions concerning elected judges of the county division. It makes conforming amendments.

(The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Commission on Courts.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: New expenditures should be minimal for Lake County, since the judges of the 12 other superior courts in Lake County are already selected through the existing Lake County Judicial Nominating Commission. The members of the commission are not paid, but can be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in performing their duties.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Lake County Judicial Nominating Commission.

Information Sources: IC 33-33-45-27; *Indiana Judicial Report 2007*.

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