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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6827**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1347

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 1, 2010

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Redistricting Commission.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Bosma

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

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

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** *Redistricting Commission-* The bill establishes the Redistricting Commission (RC) to create, hold hearings on, take public comment about, and recommend plans to redraw General Assembly (GA) districts and congressional districts.

*Commission Staff and Administrative Services-* The bill requires the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) to provide staff and administrative services to the RC. The bill establishes standards to govern the RC and the LSA in the creation of redistricting plans.

*General Assembly Action-* The bill provides that if the Constitution of the State of Indiana does not require the GA to establish legislative districts, the RC's recommendations for legislative and congressional districts become the plans that define those districts. The bill provides that, if the Constitution so requires, the GA must meet and enact redistricting plans before October 1 of a redistricting year. The bill authorizes the GA to convene in a session to act on redistricting bills at times other than the times the GA is currently authorized to meet.

*Appropriation and Repealer-* The bill repeals the current law relating to congressional redistricting. The bill appropriates from the state General Fund the amounts necessary to pay the expenses of implementing the statute.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2010.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *Redistricting Commission-* The proposed commission would have four members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the House, Senate Minority

Leader, and House Minority Leader. A fifth member would be appointed by the RC members, themselves. The fifth member would serve as chair. If a consensus were not reached on the appointment of the fifth member, then the Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court would appoint the fifth member.

RC members would be required, during a redistricting year, to hold at least one public hearing in the northern, southern, and central regions of Indiana. By August 1 of a redistricting year, the RC would adopt and submit a redistricting plan to the consideration of the General Assembly. RC members would be eligible to receive the same per diem and mileage reimbursement for their service as an interim study committee established by the Legislative Council.

*Commission Staff and Administration-* LSA would staff the RC meetings. LSA would also produce maps, map descriptions, and receive and evaluate publicly submitted maps and comments on the RC's behalf. These provisions would likely be able to be carried out within LSA's existing level of resources. The next redistricting year will be 2011.

*General Assembly Action-* In a redistricting year, the General Assembly would meet to consider the RC's redistricting plan recommendation and enact legislation before October 1. Given the dates in the bill for RC action, a special session would likely be required to consider the RC's recommendation. The following table presents a cost estimate for a six-day special session. However, since the bill does not specify the length of a special session, the actual cost would depend on future legislative action. The estimate uses *current* per diem and travel costs.

| <b>Estimated Costs for a Six-Day Special Session</b>  |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| <b>Legislators (150 total)</b>  | <b>Six Session Days</b> |
| Per Diem*   | \$83,700                |
| Travel**  | \$16,220                |
| Total***  | \$99,920                |
| <p>* Effective 10/1/09, legislators receive \$155 per diem for every day in session (including Saturday and Sunday) and \$62 per diem for every day not in session. The net effect on expenditures is an additional \$93 per diem for every day in session.</p> <p>** Legislators are entitled to mileage for one round trip per week while in session.</p> <p>*** The House and Senate would also incur an unknown minor amount of expense for temporary session staff (doorkeepers and other temporary staff).</p> <p>Note: Under the bill, if the State Constitution, at a future date, did not require the General Assembly to establish legislative districts, the General Assembly would not have to convene a special session to adopt a redistricting bill.</p> |                         |

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected: DOC; LSA.**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** *Indiana House and Senate Journals Index, 2008 Regular Session.*

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