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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6495

BILL NUMBER: SB 302

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 19, 2012

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Redistricting Commission.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Taylor

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: *Redistricting Commission*- The bill establishes a redistricting commission to create, hold hearings on, take public comment about, and recommend plans to redraw General Assembly districts and congressional districts.

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

General Assembly Action- The bill requires the General Assembly to meet and to enact redistricting plans for General Assembly districts before October 1 of a redistricting year. The bill provides that the redistricting commission's plan for congressional districts becomes the congressional district plan when adopted by the redistricting commission unless the General Assembly enacts a different plan by law. It authorizes the General Assembly to convene in a session to act on redistricting bills at times other than the times the General Assembly is currently authorized to meet.

Appropriation and Repealer- The bill repeals the current law relating to congressional redistricting. The bill makes an appropriation for the redistricting commission's expenses.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Redistricting Commission*- The proposed redistricting commission would have nine members, eight of whom would be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Speaker

of the House, Senate Minority Leader, and House Minority Leader. The eight appointed members would convene with the Executive Director of the LSA to select a ninth member, who would be the chair. The member selected as the chair may not be a member appointed by the appointing authorities and must meet the qualifications outlined in the bill. Redistricting commission 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 September 1 of a redistricting year, the commission would adopt and submit a redistricting plan to the consideration of the General Assembly.

Commission Staff and Administration- LSA would be required to staff redistricting commission meetings. LSA would also be required to create maps, write map descriptions, evaluate publicly submitted maps, and receive written public comments on the commission's behalf. The LSA would be able to carry out these provisions within the agency's existing level of resources. However, the effect on state expenditures would depend on the LSA's budgetary needs in redistricting years to provide staffing and services to the proposed commission.

General Assembly Action- In a redistricting year, the General Assembly would meet to consider the redistricting commission's redistricting plan recommendation and enact legislation before October 1. Given the dates in the bill for the commission, a special session would likely be required to consider the commission'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.

Estimated Costs for a Six-Day Special Session	
Legislators (150 total)	Six Session Days
Per Diem*	\$82,080
Travel**	\$15,754
Total***	\$97,834

* Effective 10/1/11, legislators receive \$152 per diem for every day in session (including Saturday and Sunday) and \$60.80 per diem for every day not in session. These rates have not changed as of 10/1/2012. The net effect on expenditures is an additional \$91.20 per diem for every day in session.

** Legislators are entitled to mileage for one round trip per week while in session.

*** The House and Senate would also incur an unknown minor amount of expense for temporary session staff (doorkeepers and other temporary staff).

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana General Assembly; LSA.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: *Indiana House and Senate Journals Index, 2012 Regular Session.*

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