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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7448

BILL NUMBER: SB 524

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 9, 2013

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Indiana-Michigan State Boundary Commission.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Yoder

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill reconstitutes the Indiana-Michigan Boundary Line Commission to include members from the state of Michigan. It provides for procedures for the commission's meetings and contracting with professionals to assist the commission in doing the commission's work. The bill also describes the commission's duties.

The bill appropriates \$500,000 from the state General Fund to the Indiana Department of Administration (IDOA) beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2018, for the use of the commission in implementing its charge. Provides that unspent money from the appropriation reverts to the state General Fund on July 1, 2018. The bill also extends the commission's expiration date from July 1, 2015, to July 1, 2018.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Summary* - This bill appropriates \$500,000 from the state General Fund to the Indiana Department of Administration (IDOA) beginning in FY 2014 and ending FY 2018. These funds will be used to carry out the duties of the Indiana-Michigan Boundary Line Commission. Any unused funds will revert to the state General Fund in FY 2019.

Background Information - The bill provides for five individuals from Michigan to be appointed to the commission in addition to the five Indiana members under current statute. The five commission members from Indiana must be registered surveyors. Commission members are not entitled to compensation for services, but may be reimbursed for expenses. The bill requires the commission to do the following:

- (1) Administer a survey and remonumentation of the Indiana-Michigan border.
- (2) Recover or reestablish: (a) relatively permanent monuments at the mileposts of the Indiana-Michigan state line as established in the 1827 survey that defined that line; and (b) relatively permanent monuments at the posts originally set at or near the shores of lakes and large rivers of the Indiana-Michigan state line as established in the 1827 survey that defined that line, or witness corners for set posts.
- (3) Compile appropriate records and documents verifying the location of the monuments, and furnish those records and documents to the DOA.
- (4) Resolve any controversies regarding the location of monuments defining the Indiana-Michigan boundary.
- (5) File with the appropriate county recorder's office a recordation certificate that provides appropriate references, and Indiana East or West zone state plane coordinates, for each milepost of the posts originally set at or near the shores of lakes or large rivers.
- (6) In consultation with the DOA: (a) procure professional surveying services through negotiated contracts; (b) use a qualification-based selection method for awarding contracts; and (c) award contracts only to business entities incorporated or located in Indiana.
- (7) Not later than 60 days after the completion of the commission's duties, submit a written report to the General Assembly summarizing the work and activities of the commission.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Indiana Department of Administration; Indiana-Michigan Boundary Line Commission.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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