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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7448**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 524

**NOTE PREPARED:** Apr 2, 2013

**BILL AMENDED:** Mar 19, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Indiana-Michigan State Boundary Commission.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Yoder

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Rep. Wesco

**BILL STATUS:** As Passed House

**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. It describes the commission's duties. 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* - IC 1-3-2 established the Indiana Michigan Boundary Line Commission to administer and oversee a survey and remonumentation of the Indiana-Michigan border. This bill requires that the commission procure professional surveying services through negotiated contracts. The estimated cost of the project is about \$500,000 over a five-year period (\$100,000 each year). This bill does not contain an appropriation for the survey.

(Revised) **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. Indiana 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 State Land Office Division of the Department of Natural Resources.

(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 Indiana Department of Administration: (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; Department of Natural Resources; Indiana-Michigan Boundary Line Commission.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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