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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6107

BILL NUMBER: SB 143

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 20, 2015

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Election Workers.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Tomes

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill eliminates a restriction prohibiting a nephew or niece of a candidate from serving as: (1) a precinct election officer; (2) a member of an absentee voter board; (3) an absentee ballot counter; or (4) an absentee ballot courier.

Effective Date: July 1, 2015.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Allowing nieces and nephews of candidates to serve on a precinct election board may help election officials in rural and less-populated areas to fill precinct election board officers that could otherwise go vacant. Any additional expenditure to compensate more poll workers, as a result of the bill, would likely be minimal.

Additionally, county election officials may have to modify their precinct election board “oaths of service” forms to account for the change in the relatives restriction.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: County election boards.

Information Sources: <http://www.indy.gov/eGov/county/clerk/election/pages/home.aspx>;
<http://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/eGov/apps/document/center.egov?view=item;id=899>.

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