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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6153

BILL NUMBER: SB 29

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 22, 2024

BILL AMENDED: Jan 23, 2024

SUBJECT: Town Party Conventions.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Donato

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Smaltz

BILL STATUS: Enrolled

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill specifies the manner of nomination applicable to a candidate for town office in a small town, based on the year in which the election occurs. It modifies the deadlines for: (1) filing a copy of an ordinance establishing a primary election for nomination of major political party candidates; and (2) holding a town convention.

Effective Date: January 1, 2025.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Candidates for town offices that end up being nominated by primary, under the bill's provisions, would need to be added to the primary ballot. County clerks' workload would increase in even years to determine where to add the additional town candidates to the ballot within the applicable voting jurisdictions. It is likely the additional town offices would be added to regular orders for primary election optical-scan ballots and DRE voting system ballot programming.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Counties, towns affected under the bill, county clerks.

Information Sources: IC 3-8-5-10.

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