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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1036

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 9, 2022

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: School Board Elections.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Cash

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill requires candidates for school board offices to be nominated in the same manner as candidates for all other elected offices are nominated. The bill repeals the current statute relating to nomination of candidates for school board offices. The bill repeals other superseded statutes. The bill makes conforming changes.

Effective Date: January 1, 2024.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The provisions of the bill would likely require the Election Division to update some manuals and forms regarding school board elections beginning with the May 2024 primary election. These changes should be a matter of routine business.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Circuit court clerks may see a reduction in workload as they would no longer certify petitions of nomination for major-party school board candidates. However, clerks would likely be verifying more signatures for minor-party and independent candidates. [See *Additional Information* for more details.]

In addition, county election officials would need to change ballots to include school board candidates on primary ballots and change the order of candidates on general election ballots. However, these ballot changes would likely be accommodated as part of routine election ballot preparation and programming prior to elections.

Additional Information – Provisions in this bill repeal a requirement for school board candidates to file a

petition of nomination which, except for a few certain school districts, includes a list of 10 signatures that require circuit court clerks to verify. Under this bill however, clerks will now need to verify additional signatures for minor-party and independent school board candidates, equal to 2% of the number of voters that voted in the latest Secretary of State election for that election district. There were about 1,300 candidates on the ballot for school board during the 2022 general election.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Election Division.

Local Agencies Affected: Circuit court clerks.

Information Sources: *2022 General Election Candidate List*, Indiana Election Division;
<https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2022-General-Election-Candidate-List-9.16.2022.pdf>
2022 Indiana Candidate Guide, Indiana Election Division;
<https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2022-Candidate-Guide.FINAL.pdf>

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