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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 154

NOTE PREPARED: Mar 28, 2023

BILL AMENDED: Mar 27, 2023

SUBJECT: Certain Counties Purchasing and Data Processing.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Niemeyer

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Slager

BILL STATUS: As Passed House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that the county executive of Lake County has jurisdiction over the county purchasing agency and the county data processing agency. It also provides that the county executive of St. Joseph County has jurisdiction over the county purchasing agency. (Under current law, the legislative body of Lake County has jurisdiction over both the county purchasing agency and the county data processing agency, and the legislative body of St. Joseph County has jurisdiction over the county purchasing agency.)

Effective Date: Upon Passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The proposed language would formally shift administrative capacity for the county's purchasing agency from the county council to the county commissioners in Lake County and St Joseph County, respectively. Additionally, the administrative capacity for the county data processing agency in Lake County would formally shift to the county commissioners.

Based on information obtained from the county commissioners' websites for these two counties, it appears that the county commissioners already have jurisdiction over purchasing activity. Therefore, the fiscal impact from this bill would be negligible since the language appears to codify a practice that is already currently in place in these two counties.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: County commissioners in Lake County and St. Joseph County.

Information Sources: Lake County Indiana Purchasing Manual:
<https://lakecounty.in.gov/departments/commissioners/purchasing-manual>
St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners website:
<https://www.sjcindiana.com/402/Board-of-Commissioners>.

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