

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY  
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6002**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1019

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 13, 2026

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Constitutional Amendment Ballot Question.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Aylesworth

**BILL STATUS:** As Passed House

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Sen. Koch

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**      **GENERAL**  
                                 **DEDICATED**  
                                 **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill prescribes the ballot language for the proposed constitutional amendment concerning the residency of a city or town court judge.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2026.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** Under the effective date of the bill, optical-scan ballot counties would likely have enough time to include the required ballot language for the 2026 general election ballot prior to ordering paper ballots. There may be a slight increase in ballot expenditures in optical-scan counties, if additional ballot paper is needed to include the public question. Counties with direct recording electronic voting systems would likely also have enough time to program in the required referendum language when programming the general election ballot for 2026.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** County election boards.

**Information Sources:**

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