

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

LS 6382
BILL NUMBER: HB 1033

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SUBJECT: Various Judicial Matters.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Lopez
FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Carrasco

BILL STATUS: Enrolled

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill has the following provisions:

Memberships: It amends the membership of the Community Corrections Advisory Board and the Marion County Judicial Selection Committee (selection committee).

Marion County Judicial Selection Committee: It specifies that if a newly appointed judge is filling a vacancy of a judge whose term ends the same year as the appointment, the newly appointed judge shall serve a term that expires on December 31 of the sixth full year following the appointment. It requires the selection committee to nominate five candidates to the Governor when a judicial vacancy exists and allows the governor to appoint any of the nominated candidates when filling more than one vacancy. It requires the selection committee to determine that a judge is suitable to retain judicial office before a judge's request for retention may be placed on the ballot. It allows the chair of the judicial selection committee to remove a member of the executive committee for cause.

Terms: It replaces the term "presiding judge" with "chief judge" within the Marion County superior court.

Marion County Judicial Executive Committee: It specifies the duties, operation, and authority of the executive committee and those of the trial judges, including how executive committee members are chosen. It specifies how magistrates and commissioners are appointed.

Local Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council: It specifies the operation of a local or regional justice reinvestment advisory council.

Retired Judicial Officers: It authorizes a retired judicial officer to possess a firearm in the same locations that a law enforcement officer may possess a firearm if certain requirements are met.

It also makes conforming changes.

Effective Date: Upon passage; July 1, 2026.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Indiana Supreme Court:* The bill would minimally increase the workload of the Office of Judicial Administration (OJA) by requiring it to issue photographic identification cards to retired judicial officers and senior judges who choose to carry and use a firearm on property owned or leased by the state or local governmental units.

Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council (JRAC): The bill should have no fiscal impact on the JRAC.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Marion Co. Judicial Selection Committee:* As proposed, the bill will likely increase the workload of the committee to conduct judicial qualification hearings, make determinations concerning retention, and provide written notice of the committee's approval or rejection of a judge's retention request. A judge may not be re-elected if the committee makes a determination that the judge is not suitable to hold judicial office. Under current law, an incumbent judge must appear only one time before the committee for the purpose of judicial retention.

It also removes the requirement that the committee issue a statement concerning the approval or rejection of a judge's retention request. This provision could reduce workload for the committee to issue statements concerning retention. However, any reduction will likely be minimal.

Marion County Judicial Executive Committee: The bill will increase the workload of the executive committee to adopt policies and procedures regarding committee terms, voting, commissioner and magistrate appointments, and court caseload allocation plan. The executive committee should be able to accomplish these tasks within existing resources.

Marion Co. Community Corrections Advisory Board: The bill should have no fiscal impact on the advisory board.

Marion Co. Local Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council: The bill should have no fiscal impact on the advisory council.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Office of Judicial Administration; Office of the Governor.

Local Agencies Affected: Marion County; trial courts; city and town courts.

Information Sources:

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