LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1125 BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: False or Fraudulent Deeds and Affidavits.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Mayfield BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State & Local

X DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> This bill provides that it is a deceptive act enforceable by the Attorney General for a person to: (1) convey or attempt to convey; or (2) conspire to convey or attempt to convey; title to real property by recording a false or fraudulent deed or affidavit.

Effective Date: July 1, 2026.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Deceptive Acts:* This bill adds to the list of unfair and deceptive acts that are actionable by the Attorney General. Agency workload could increase to investigate and prosecute allegations. The Attorney General should be able to enforce the bill's provisions within existing resource levels.

<u>Explanation of State Revenues:</u> Deceptive Acts: If the bill increases the number of deceptive acts discovered, General Fund revenue will increase. Actual increases in revenue are unknown but expected to be small. Deceptive acts discovered by the Attorney General carry a civil penalty up to \$5,000.

Court Fee Revenue: If additional civil cases occur and court fees are collected, revenue to the state General Fund will increase. The total revenue per case would range between \$100 and \$122. The amount deposited will vary depending on whether the case is filed in a court of record or a municipal court. The following linked document describes the fees and distribution of the revenue: Court fees imposed in civil, probate, and small claims cases.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: Court Fee Revenue: If additional cases occur, revenue will be collected by certain local units. If the case is filed in a court of record, the county will receive \$32 and qualifying municipalities will receive a share of \$3. If the case is filed in a municipal court, the county receives \$20, and the municipality will receive \$37. The following linked document describes the fees and distribution of the revenue: Court fees imposed in civil, probate, and small claims cases.

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State Agencies Affected: Office of the Attorney General.

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts, city and town courts.

<u>Information Sources:</u> Indiana Supreme Court, Indiana Trial Court Fee Manual.

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