

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

LS 7034
BILL NUMBER: SB 528

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 1, 2025
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Election and Duties of the Lieutenant Governor.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Randolph Lonnie M
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill repeals a provision that requires a political party to nominate the candidate for the Office of Lieutenant Governor at a state convention and instead requires the candidate for the Office of Lieutenant Governor to be elected jointly in a primary election with a candidate for the Office of Governor.

The bill specifies that the Lieutenant Governor shall discharge the powers and duties of the Lieutenant Governor's office that are designated to the Lieutenant Governor by the Governor. The bill also repeals all statutory duties of the Lieutenant Governor and designates these duties to the Governor. It makes conforming changes.

Effective Date: July 1, 2025.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Summary* - The bill would transfer responsibilities currently performed by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor to the Office of the Governor. Depending on the decision of state administrators, the transfer of responsibilities and workload could be managed with a transfer of staff, resources, and funding between the two offices.

Additional Information - For the FY 2024-2025 biennium, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor was annually appropriated a total of \$7.2 M for operations (\$4.15 M) and commerce (\$3.05 M).

The bill transfers responsibilities of the following from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor to the Office of the Governor:

- (1) Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development
- (2) Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA)
- (3) Indiana Main Street Program
- (4) Indiana Main Street Council
- (5) Individual Development Account administration
- (6) Miscellaneous federally-funded community development programs

- (7) Historic Preservation and Rehabilitation Grant Program under the Department of Natural Resources
- (8) Broadband grants for rural and unserved areas
- (9) Rural Broadband Fund
- (10) Broadband Grants for Rural Areas
- (11) State Administration of Federal Broadband Equity, Access, and Development Program
- (12) Indiana Broadband Connectivity Program
- (13) Indiana Broadband Mapping Program

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Adding the Office of the Lieutenant Governors to primary and general election ballots can be accomplished with existing resources.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Office of the Lieutenant Governor; Office of the Governor; Election Division, Secretary of State.

Local Agencies Affected: Local election offices

Information Sources: HEA 1001 - 2023.

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