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Bill Analysis
Legislative Service Commission

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(As Passed by the House)

**Reps. Bateman, Vesper, Womer Benjamin, Callender, Jones, Willamowski,
Logan, DePiero, Hollister**

BILL SUMMARY

- Adds a new judge to the Clermont County Municipal Court, to be elected in the general election of November, 1999.
- Declares an emergency.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Under existing law, the Clermont County Municipal Court has two full-time judges. These judgeships were filled most recently at the 1997 election. Municipal court judges are elected on a nonpartisan ballot for six-year terms. Judges of the Clermont County Municipal Court are nominated only by petition, signed by at least 250 electors of the Court's territory. (R.C. 1901.08; R.C. 1901.07--not in the bill.)

The bill adds a new full-time judge to the court, to be elected in 1999 (R.C. 1901.08). Under existing section 1901.07 (not in the bill), the new judge will take office on January 1, 2000, and will serve a six-year term.

COMMENT

According to the Clermont County Board of Elections, a candidate for the new full-time judgeship must file the candidate's declaration of candidacy and petition no later than the day before the primary election. As a result, the declarations of candidacy and nominating petitions must be filed no later than May 3, 1999. The candidates would not run in the primary election.

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE	JOURNAL ENTRY
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