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(As Passed by the House)

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**BILL SUMMARY**

- Adds one additional judge for the general division of the Butler County Court of Common Pleas to be elected in 2002 for a term to begin January 3, 2003.
- Requires Butler County to reimburse the state for the amount of the compensation the state pays for services performed by the new judge from January 3, 2003, through June 30, 2003.
- Declares an emergency.

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**CONTENT AND OPERATION**

**Additional judge for Butler County Court of Common Pleas**

**Existing law**

The Butler County Court of Common Pleas currently has ten judges: five judges of the general division, two judges of the domestic relations division, two judges of the juvenile division, and a judge of the probate division (R.C. 2301.02(B) and R.C. 2301.03(K)(1) and (2) and 2101.02, not in the bill).

**Operation of the bill**

The bill adds a new judge to the Butler County Court of Common Pleas. The new judge is to be elected initially in 2002 for a term to begin January 3, 2003. (R.C. 2301.02(B).)

**Nomination procedures for new judge**

Under the bill, notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, for the primary election held in 2002, any person desiring to become a candidate for party nomination for the office of judge of the Butler County Court of Common Pleas established by the bill must file a declaration of candidacy and petition and pay any required filing fee not later than 4 p.m. on February 28, 2002. The declaration of candidacy and petition must be filed at the same time as one instrument with the Butler County Board of Elections. The petitions must be open to public inspection until 4 p.m. on March 2, 2002, and, not later than 4 p.m. on March 2, 2002, the Butler County Board of Elections must examine and determine the validity or invalidity of the signatures on the petitions. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, for the 2002 primary election, the provisions of the Revised Code that are applicable to party nominations for the office of a judge of a court of common pleas apply to a party nomination for the office of judge of the Butler County Court of Common Pleas established by the bill. (Section 3.)

**Butler County reimbursement of state for January 3, 2003, through June 30, 2003, compensation**

The bill specifically requires the state to pay its portion of the compensation of the new judge of the Butler County Court of Common Pleas that the bill creates for services that the judge performs from January 3, 2003, through June 30, 2003. The state must pay that compensation pursuant to the normal payment procedures. (Section 4(A).)

The bill further requires Butler County to reimburse the state for the amount of compensation that the state pays pursuant to the above requirement for the new judge that the bill creates for services that the judge performs from January 3, 2003, through June 30, 2003. The bill notwithstanding the normal judicial payment procedures with respect to this reimbursement requirement. (Section 4(B).)

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**HISTORY**

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