



***Bill Analysis***

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**BILL SUMMARY**

- Adds a judge to the Domestic Relations Division of the Licking County Court of Common Pleas to be elected in 2004 for a term to begin January 1, 2005.
- Provides that the domestic relations judge, senior in point of service, is responsible for the administrative duties of the division.

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**CONTENT AND OPERATION**

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

***Existing law***

The Licking County Court of Common Pleas currently has four judges: two judges of the general division, one judge of the domestic relations division and one judge of the probate and juvenile division (R.C. 2301.02(B) and R.C. 2301.03(S) and R.C. 2101.02--not in the bill).

***Operation of the bill***

The bill adds a new judge to the Domestic Relations Division of the Licking County Court of Common Pleas. The new judge is to be elected initially in 2004 for a term to begin January 1, 2005. (R.C. 2301.02(B) and 2301.03(S)(1).)

The bill provides that the judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in point of service, is responsible for the assignment and division of the work of the domestic relations division and with the employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. That judge also must designate the title, compensation,

expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and fix the duties of the personnel of the division. (R.C. 2301.03(S).)

The bill also provides that the candidates for election in 2004 to the new judgeship in the Division of Domestic Relations of the Licking County Court of Common Pleas created by the bill must be nominated only by petition. The petition must be filed not later than 4 p.m. of the 75th day preceding the general election at which the judge is to be elected. Nominations for successors to the judge elected in 2004 must be made in accordance with the Revised Code. (Section 3.)

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## **HISTORY**

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