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Bill Analysis
Legislative Service Commission

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Sen. Wachtmann

BILL SUMMARY

- Replaces the part-time judge of the Napoleon Municipal Court with a full-time judge to be elected in 2005.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Napoleon Municipal Court

Existing law

Existing law establishes a municipal court in Napoleon that is known as the Napoleon Municipal Court. The Napoleon Municipal Court has jurisdiction within Henry County. The Court is served by one part-time judge, who most recently was elected in 1999. (R.C. 1901.01 and 1901.02--not in the bill, and R.C. 1901.08.)

All municipal court judges are elected on a nonpartisan ballot for terms of six years. In one-judge courts, the judge's term commences on the first day of January in the year after the election. (R.C. 1901.07--not in the bill.)

Operation of the bill

The bill replaces the part-time judge of the Napoleon Municipal Court with a full-time judge to be elected in 2005. The full-time judge will serve a term of six years and begin the term on January 1, 2006. The bill specifies in uncodified law that the part-time judge of the Napoleon Municipal Court who was elected in 1999 will remain the part-time judge of the Napoleon Municipal Court until the end of the judge's term. The full-time judge of the Napoleon Municipal Court who is elected in 2005 will be the successor to the part-time judge of that court who was elected in 1999. (R.C. 1901.08 and R.C. 1901.07--not in the bill; Section 3.)

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