Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

123 rd General Assembly of Ohio

BILL:	**Sub. S.B. 89**	DATE:	**June 30, 1999**
STATUS:	**As Reported by House Criminal Justice**	SPONSOR:	**Sen. Johnson**

LOCAL IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED: **No — No local cost**

CONTENTS: **Clarifies the jurisdiction of the environmental division of a municipal court, modifies the selection process of choosing presiding and administrative judges in municipal and county courts, and renames the Lancaster Municipal Court**

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

This bill clarifies the existing jurisdiction of an environmental division of a municipal court in foreclosure actions and in proceedings of criminal actions related to the pollution of air, ground or water. In Ohio, only the Franklin County Municipal Court has an environmental division. This bill clarifies that the jurisdiction of the environment division is limited to foreclosure actions that are in aid of an execution of a judgment of that division of the municipal court. This may shift some small measure of work from the environmental division, but it would still be handled within the structure of the municipal court. The bill also clarifies that the court's concurrent jurisdiction over all criminal actions or proceedings related to the pollution of the air, ground or water within the court's territory, for which a sentence of death cannot be imposed, is with the court of common pleas. This does not expand or contract the jurisdiction of either of these courts. Additionally, the bill establishes that the choosing of the presiding and the administrative judge in a municipal or county court having two or more judges shall be determined as provided in the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio. Finally, the bill renames the Lancaster Municipal Court as the Fairfield County Municipal Court. This provision would be effective on January 2nd, 2000. However, this is a cosmetic change and does not affect the operation or the jurisdiction of that particular court. This bill has no direct fiscal effect on the state or on any political subdivision.

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