



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 186 of the 128th G.A.

Date: June 15, 2009

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Reps. Foley and Patten

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No — Minimal cost

Contents: Authorizes the posting of for sale and political signs in manufactured homes parks

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions. However, municipal or common pleas courts might incur some new costs for any litigation that might arise as a result of the bill. Most if not all of these costs, however, would be offset by court-assessed costs and filing fees.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill would prohibit the owners and operators of manufactured homes parks from restricting the indoor or outdoor display of either "for sale by owner" signs or political signs, if the sign is in compliance with all applicable municipal and county ordinances. If a park owner or operator does impose such restrictions, the bill gives the home owners or tenants a cause of civil action against the park owner or operator. Successful plaintiffs would be awarded either or both of the following: (1) the greater of actual damages or \$100, whichever is greater, and (2) termination of any applicable rental agreements.

Although the bill would have no direct fiscal impact on the state or any political subdivision, there could be some new costs related to litigation that might occur as a result of the new right of action. If so, these costs would be borne by municipal or common pleas courts. Most if not all of these costs, however, would be offset by court-assessed costs and filing fees. The fiscal impact would ultimately depend on the number of cases brought to trial, which would be difficult to project.