Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 29 **Date**: March 9, 2011

Status: As Enacted **Sponsor**: Rep. Mecklenborg

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Increases the number of signatures required on, and revises the process for filing, a nominating petition for election to the Hamilton County Municipal Court and declares an emergency

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- The bill increases the number of signatures required on a nominating petition for a judge for the Hamilton County Municipal Court from 50 to 100. As a result, the Hamilton County Board of Elections could possibly incur some additional but negligible general fund costs for signature verification.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill increases the number of signatures required on a nominating petition for election to the Hamilton County Municipal Court from 50 to 100. Although this may require some additional signature verifications for the Hamilton County Board of Elections, the additional county general fund costs incurred for doing so, if any, would be negligible. The bill also contains provisions with no apparent fiscal effect. This includes a requirement that nominating petitions for Hamilton County Municipal Court judges be signed and filed in accordance with state law, rather than in the same manner as petitions nominating members of Cincinnati City Council. Additionally, the bill codifies a remedial order already in effect by specifying that judges of the Hamilton County Municipal Court be elected by voters of the judicial district of the county, instead of the territory of the court. Finally, the bill declares an emergency, as the new nomination process for Hamilton County Municipal judges must be effective in time for the May 3, 2011 nominating petition filing deadline.

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