



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [Sub. S.B. 224 of the 129th G.A.](#)

Date: May 23, 2012

Status: As Reported by House Judiciary & Ethics

Sponsor: Sen. Obhof

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Written contracts

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- It is unlikely that the bill will have any noticeable fiscal effect on the common pleas, municipal, and county courts with jurisdiction over civil actions filed for breach of contract. It is possible that some cases may not be filed, or filed but dismissed, because the eight-year limit established by the bill expired. Such outcomes create a savings effect for the courts that hear such matters.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill shortens the period of limitations for commencing with a civil action for violation of a contract in writing from 15 years to eight years after the cause of action (the breach) accrued. It is unlikely that the bill will have much, if any, fiscal effect on the common pleas, municipal, and county courts where such civil actions would be heard. To the extent the bill creates any fiscal effect, it would involve the volume of civil actions before these courts. By reducing the time frame for cases involving violations of a contract by seven years, it is possible that some cases may not get filed, or if filed dismissed, because the plaintiff(s), for some reason, waited longer than the eight-year limit established by the bill. Such outcomes create a savings effect, the magnitude of which is not readily measurable in terms of dollars and cents.

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