Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 595 of the 130th G.A. **Date**: November 19, 2014

Status: As Reported by House Judiciary **Sponsor**: Reps. Brenner and Ruhl

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: Yes

Contents: Delaware County Court of Common Pleas judgeship

State Fiscal Highlights

STATE FUND	FYs 2015-2016	FY 2017*-FUTURE YEARS
General Revenue Fund (GRF)		
Revenues	- 0 -	- 0 -
Expenditures	- 0 -	Annual increase of $129,000 to $140,000 for state share of judicial salary

Note: The state fiscal year is July 1 through June 30. For example, FY 2015 is July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015.
* The new judge of the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas will be elected in 2016 for a term to begin January 1, 2017.

- Starting with calendar year 2017, the state share of the new Delaware County Court of Common Pleas judgeship will cost between $129,000 to $140,000 annually (salary and related personal services charges).

Local Fiscal Highlights

LOCAL GOVERNMENT	FYs 2015-2016	FY 2017*-FUTURE YEARS
Delaware County		
Revenues	- 0 -	- 0 -
Expenditures	- 0 -	Annual increase of up to $142,000 to $155,000 for judge and court personnel

Note: For most local governments, the fiscal year is the calendar year. The school district fiscal year is July 1 through June 30.
* The new judge of the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas will be elected in 2016 for a term to begin January 1, 2017.

- **Delaware County Court of Common Pleas judgeship**. The new judgeship will cost Delaware County up to $142,000 to $155,000 annually. This includes the annual salary and related personal services charges for the new judge and up to three clerical staff.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Delaware County Court of Common Pleas domestic relations division

The bill creates a domestic relations division for the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas and adds a judge to that division to be elected in 2016, for a term to begin January 1, 2017.

Judicial salary (state and local shares)

The annual salary of a judge of a court of common pleas is currently $121,350 with the state and local shares determined by statute. The **local share** varies depending on a county's population as determined by the decennial census. The local amount is based on 18 cents per capita in the county, but may not be less than $3,500 or more than $14,000. With a population of 174,214, Delaware County will pay the maximum local share, or $14,000, annually. The **state share** is equal to the annual salary minus the local share. The state share of the Delaware County judgeship will be $107,350 annually.

The new judgeship will also generate related personal services charges to be paid by the state and Delaware County. These charges include retirement system benefits, Medicare, workers' compensation, payroll administration services, and health insurance, and total generally an additional 20% to 30% of the annual salary. The annual amount of personal services charges will be $21,470 to $32,205 for the state and $2,800 to $4,200 for Delaware County.

The annual state and Delaware County shares of the judge's annual salary and related personal services charges are summarized in the table below. The state's share of those expenses will be paid by the Supreme Court of Ohio with money appropriated from the General Revenue Fund (GRF).

Annual State and Local Cost Shares of Delaware County Common Pleas Court Judgeship			
Unit of Government	**Salary**	**Personal Services Charges**	**Total**
State	$107,350	$21,470-$32,205	$128,820-$139,555
Delaware County	$14,000	$2,800-$4,200	$16,800-$18,200

Other Delaware County costs

Up to three additional clerical workers will be hired by Delaware County to assist with the judge's caseload. The cost of a clerical worker, including personal services charges, is $42,000 to $45,500 annually. The annual cost of three clerical workers will total up to $126,000 to $136,500. Delaware County will incur no capital improvements costs as there will be sufficient building space to house the judge and related court personnel.

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