



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments\*

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(S. Civil Justice)

The Senate Civil Justice Committee adopted amendments that do the following:

1. Modify existing law regarding a vacancy in the office of a judge of a municipal court or county court or the incapacitation or unavailability of the judge due to certain circumstances by allowing for the assignment or appointment of an "assigned judge" or "acting judge" depending on the number of judges on the court and the circumstances of the vacancy.
2. Modify existing law regarding the per diem compensation of an "assigned judge" or "acting judge" and modify existing law regarding the reimbursement of an "assigned judge" or "acting judge" by allowing for reimbursement by the Supreme Court of a portion of the costs of the local funding authority.
3. Allow a judge or presiding judge of a municipal court, when the volume of cases pending necessitates an additional judge, to request the Chief Justice to assign a sitting judge of another court of record or a retired judge of a court of record to temporarily serve on the court (known as an "assigned judge") for any period of time the Chief Justice may prescribe.
4. Provide that an "acting judge" and an "assigned judge" of a municipal court or county court have the jurisdiction and adjudicatory powers conferred upon the judge of the municipal court or county court.
5. Modify existing law regarding the information a county treasurer must include in the reimbursement requests submitted to the administrative director of the Supreme Court.