

Courts

H.B. 158

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Blessing

Effective date: June 10, 2020

- Authorizes a court to grant limited driving privileges, under certain circumstances, to an individual on a first offense for failure to maintain financial responsibility for a motor vehicle (for example, motor vehicle insurance).
- Waives the filing fee for a petition for limited driving privileges for an individual (1) whose license is suspended as a result of failure to maintain proof of financial responsibility and (2) who qualifies as indigent.

S.B. 312

Primary Sponsor: Sen. McColley

Effective date: Emergency: January 9, 2021

- Creates a new Domestic Relations Division of the Hardin County Court of Common Pleas and provides that the General Division judge of that Court will be the judge of the Domestic Relations Division.
- Creates a new judgeship of the Hardin County Court of Common Pleas to be elected in 2026, term to begin February 9, 2027.
- Allocates the jurisdictional responsibilities of the second judge to the General Division and the Probate Division of the Hardin County Court of Common Pleas.
- Modifies the reimbursement for assigned municipal and county court judges.
- Requires the Columbiana County Prosecuting Attorney to prosecute in the municipal courts of Columbiana County all violations of Ohio law arising in East Liverpool, Liverpool Township, or St. Clair Township.

