
JUDICIARY/SUPREME COURT

- Requires the Ohio Supreme Court to pay any compensation that is owed as specified under Ohio law to a retired assigned judge in a municipal or county court and provides for the procedure to pay that compensation.
- Removes the requirement that Montgomery County pay the salaries of the part-time county court judges in excess of a specified amount during the transition from a part-time county court to a municipal court.

Paying retired assigned judges

(R.C. 141.16, 1901.123, and 1907.143)

The bill requires the Ohio Supreme Court, instead of a county treasurer under existing law, to pay any compensation to which an assigned retired municipal court or county court judge is entitled. Annually on August 1, the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court must issue a billing to the county treasurer of any county to which a retired judge was assigned to a municipal court or county court for reimbursement of the county or local portion of the compensation previously paid by the state for the 12-month period preceding June 30. The county or local portion of the compensation is that part of each per diem paid by the state that is proportional to the county or local shares of the total compensation of a resident judge of that municipal or county court. The county treasurer must forward the payment within 30 days and then seek reimbursement from the local municipalities as appropriate.

Judicial salary – Montgomery County

(R.C. 141.04)

The bill removes the requirement that the Chief Administrator of the Ohio Supreme Court, on or before December 1 of each year, notify the administrative judge of the Montgomery County Municipal Court, the Montgomery County Board of County Commissioners, and the state treasurer of the yearly salary cost of five part-time county court judges as of that date. The bill also removes the requirement that, if the total yearly salary costs of all of the Montgomery County Municipal Court judges as of December 1 of that same year exceeds the amount described above, the Administrative Judge cause payment of the excess between those two amounts less any reduced amount paid for the health care costs of the Montgomery County Municipal Court Judges in comparison to the health care costs of the five part-time county court judges.