



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: Sub. H.B. 188 of the 129th G.A. **Date:** June 24, 2011
Status: As Reported by Senate Government Oversight & Reform **Sponsor:** Rep. Batchelder

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Establishes the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission

State Fiscal Highlights

- The bill establishes the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission, which is to hold its first meeting no later than January 1, 2012 and cease to exist no later than July 1, 2021. Commission members serve without compensation but are to be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred while performing their duties. In addition, the bill authorizes the Commission to employ staff to support its work.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill establishes the 32-member Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission to study the Ohio Constitution, to promote an exchange of experiences and suggestions respecting desired changes in the Constitution, to consider the problems pertaining to the amendment of the Constitution, and to make recommendations to the General Assembly for the amendment of the Constitution. Under the bill, the Commission is required to hold its first meeting no later than January 1, 2012 and issue its first report to the General Assembly no later than January 1, 2013. Thereafter, it must report every two years. The bill specifies that the Commission will cease to exist on July 1, 2021, unless a majority of voters vote in favor of a constitutional convention in 2012 at which time all remaining assets and records of the Commission will transfer to the convention and the Commission will cease to exist. Commission members serve without compensation but are to be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred while performing their duties. In addition, the bill authorizes the Commission to employ staff to support its work. The bill specifies that funds for the compensation

and reimbursement of employees are to be paid from the state treasury out of funds appropriated for those purposes. However, the bill does not provide an appropriation for these expenditures.

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