



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: S.B. 200 of the 132nd G.A.

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Sen. Thomas

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: Yes

Subject: Requires the inclusion of names provided by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles for jury lists

State & Local Fiscal Highlights

- For counties that do not currently merge voter and driver's license lists, the one-time and subsequent annual costs for the commissioners of jurors, and their respective courts of common pleas, to comply with the bill could be significant.
- It appears that the annual costs that the Department of Public Safety's Bureau of Motor Vehicles will incur to provide each county with a list of licensed drivers and state identification card holders each year can be absorbed with existing staff and appropriated resources.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Under current and continuing law, the commissioners of jurors¹ are required to compile a new and complete jury source list annually. This list is required to include all names from the current voter list and may include all residents who have been issued a driver's license, commercial driver's license, or state identification card from the certified list of names provided by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles. The bill requires the jury list to include the list of names from the Registrar rather than allowing it as under current law.

Commissioners of jurors

Requiring commissioners of jurors to use a list provided by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles is likely to create additional administrative costs for counties which are not already using this list. Practitioners suggest that administrative time and effort are required to compile the jury source list from provided lists, whether those lists of names are provided by the county board of elections or the Registrar. If a county's commissioners of jurors use software to manage the jury list, additional expenses may be incurred to add features which will allow for the new source list to be incorporated.

¹ Commissioners of jurors are agents of the court appointed by the judges of the general division of the court of common pleas in each county.

Additionally, using lists provided from both sources will result in larger lists which will require additional management to reduce ineligible jurors.

These costs are dependent on a number of factors which vary between the 88 counties such as how the individual commissioners of jurors compile and manage current jury lists, whether the county is already using a list provided by the Registrar, and in what format the Registrar provides the list. For counties that do not currently merge voter and driver's license lists, the one-time and subsequent annual costs for the commissioners of jurors, and their respective courts of common pleas, to comply with the bill could be significant. Under continuing law, payroll and administrative expenses for the commissioners of jurors are paid from the county treasury at the direction of the respective courts of common pleas.

Bureau of Motor Vehicles

The bill requires the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to provide a list of residents who have been issued a driver's license, commercial driver's license, or state identification card in each county to the commissioners of jurors. Providing this list will likely generate minimal additional annual expenses for the Department of Public Safety's Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Given the nature of the information to be provided, this additional work likely can be handled with existing staff and appropriated resources.