



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 341 of the 132nd G.A.

Status: As Reported by Senate Judiciary

Sponsor: Reps. Huffman and Cera

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Subject: Exempts personal information of judges and magistrates from disclosure under the Public Records Law and changes the name of the Logan County Domestic Court to the Family Court

Fiscal Highlights

- Adding judges and magistrates to the list of professions whose familial and residential information is exempted from disclosure under the Public Records Law would appear to result in only negligible cost increases or added administrative burden, if any at all, for political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill adds judges and magistrates to the list of professions whose residential and familial information is exempted from disclosure under the Public Records Law. The bill further permits these officials to request that their address be redacted from any record of a public office that is publicly available on the Internet in which their residential and familial information appears, except for the records of a county auditor. Finally, as it applies to publically available records stored by the county auditor, the bill permits a judge or magistrate to request that the county auditor replace the judge's name with the judge's initials in those records.

The provisions of the bill already apply to certain listed professions under current law. In essence, the bill simply adds judges to this list. Because of this, political subdivisions have procedures in place for the removal or redaction of personal information of these employees. Adding judges and magistrates to the list of professions whose familial and residential information is exempted from disclosure under the Public Records Law would appear to result in only negligible cost increases or added administrative burden, if any at all, for political subdivisions.

The bill also changes the name of the Logan County Domestic Court to the Logan County Family Court, and makes the judge of this court the clerk as well, thereby removing that duty from the clerk of the Logan County Court of Common Pleas. This change does not appear to have any net fiscal impact on the Logan County Court of Common Pleas.