Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: S.B. 171 of the 131st G.A. **Date**: April 15, 2016

Status: As Reported by Senate Civil Justice **Sponsor**: Sen. Seitz

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Uniform Interstate Depositions and Discovery Act

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- Potential savings effect for local courts, as the bill likely reduces the amount of time and effort that clerks and judges might otherwise generally expend in issuing subpoenas for out-of-state depositions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill reduces the number of steps required to domesticate a foreign subpoena in the state of Ohio. Under current law, when presented with a foreign subpoena, the clerk of courts in the appropriate county assigns a case number and a judge. The assigned judge must approve the proposed court order. Once the order has been approved, a subpoena can be issued and served. Under the bill, the involvement of the clerk and the judge in these matters is likely to be reduced from what it might otherwise have been under current law. Arguably, this creates some type of savings effect for the courts, the magnitude of which is not readily measurable in terms of dollars and cents.

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