

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 5154-01  
Bill No.: Perfected HB 1238  
Subject: Courts; Fees  
Type: Original  
Date: February 24, 2014

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Bill Summary: This proposal extends the expiration date for certain court filing fees in Franklin County.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>       |                |                |                |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>FUND AFFECTED</b>                                      | <b>FY 2015</b> | <b>FY 2016</b> | <b>FY 2017</b> |
|   |                |                |                |
|   |                |                |                |
| <b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b> | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     |

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>              |                |                |                |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>FUND AFFECTED</b>  | <b>FY 2015</b> | <b>FY 2016</b> | <b>FY 2017</b> |
|   |                |                |                |
|   |                |                |                |
| <b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b> | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     |

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
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| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>                  |                |                |                |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>FUND AFFECTED</b>  | <b>FY 2015</b> | <b>FY 2016</b> | <b>FY 2017</b> |
|   |                |                |                |
|   |                |                |                |
| <b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b> | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     |

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b> |                |                |                |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>FUND AFFECTED</b>                                      | <b>FY 2015</b> | <b>FY 2016</b> | <b>FY 2017</b> |
|   |                |                |                |
|   |                |                |                |
| <b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>                  | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>       |

Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).

Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b> |                 |                 |                 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>FUND AFFECTED</b>                       | <b>FY 2015</b>  | <b>FY 2016</b>  | <b>FY 2017</b>  |
| <b>Local Government</b>                    | <b>\$20,895</b> | <b>\$41,790</b> | <b>\$41,790</b> |

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

Officials at the **Office of the State Courts Administrator** assume no fiscal impact from this proposal. In Franklin County there is currently \$10 assessed on the standard Law Library surcharge of \$25 for all civil filings except adoptions and small claims. There are 4,179 cases per year that were subject to the \$25 fee. Total collections on those cases were \$104,475. The fee would make up to forty percent of that total or \$41,790.

Officials at Franklin County failed to respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

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|--|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b><u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u></b> | FY 2015<br>(10 Mo.) | FY 2016           | FY 2017           |
|  | <b><u>\$0</u></b>   | <b><u>\$0</u></b> | <b><u>\$0</u></b> |

|  |                     |         |         |
|--|---------------------|---------|---------|
| <b><u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u></b> | FY 2015<br>(10 Mo.) | FY 2016 | FY 2017 |
|--|---------------------|---------|---------|

**LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS**

|   |                        |                        |                        |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b><u>Revenue - Franklin County - civil filing fees</u></b> | <b><u>\$20,895</u></b> | <b><u>\$41,790</u></b> | <b><u>\$41,790</u></b> |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|

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|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS</b> | <b><u>\$20,895</u></b> | <b><u>\$41,790</u></b> | <b><u>\$41,790</u></b> |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|

**FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business**

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

**FISCAL DESCRIPTION**

Currently, Franklin county may impose an additional court fee of \$10, excluding cases concerning adoption and those in small claims court. This bill extends the expiration date of this section from December 31, 2014 to December 31, 2019.

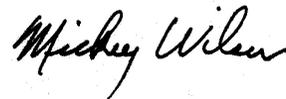
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

**SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

Office of the State Courts Administrator

**NOT RESPONDING**

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