



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Prohibits a county prosecutor in a county with a population of 400,001 or more from engaging in the private practice of law.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Beginning January 1, 2018, the bill prohibits a county prosecutor in a county with a population of 400,001 or more from engaging in the private practice of law. Under continuing law, a prosecutor in a county with a population of 400,000 or less may engage in the private practice of law, so long as the prosecutor notifies the board of county commissioners of the prosecutor's intention to do so.

Correspondingly, the bill eliminates provisions of law that specify lower salaries for county prosecutors in more populous counties who have private practices. Current law bases a county prosecutor's salary on the county's population and on whether the prosecutor has a private practice. For example, the table below shows the compensation schedule for county prosecutors in calendar year 2018. Under the bill, prosecutors in counties with populations of 400,001 or more (the final two rows of the table) who currently have private practices would receive pay increases to match the level of prosecutors in that type of county who do not have private practices.

County prosecutor compensation for CY 2018		
County population	Private practice	No private practice
1-55,000	\$67,413	\$120,549
55,001-95,000	\$74,969	\$133,941
95,001-200,000	\$81,363	\$133,941

County prosecutor compensation for CY 2018		
County population	Private practice	No private practice
200,001-400,000	\$90,662	\$133,941
400,001-1,000,000	\$96,471	\$137,194
1,000,001 or more	\$100,040	\$140,447

Continuing law specifies adjusted compensation schedules for county prosecutors in future calendar years. The bill does not change those schedules, but it removes references to compensation levels for prosecutors in counties with populations of 400,001 or more who have private practices.¹

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	01-31-17

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¹ R.C. 309.02 and 325.11 and Section 3 of the bill.

