



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 407 of the 132nd G.A.

Status: As Passed by the House

Sponsor: Reps. Dever and Seitz

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Subject: Abolishes the estate by dower

The bill will have no direct fiscal effect on the state or political subdivisions. Probate and domestic relations courts in particular should be able to incorporate the bill's provisions into their daily operations with no discernible ongoing fiscal effects.

The bill abolishes the estate of dower with the exception of the dower interest of a spouse that vested before the bill's effective date. Dower rights are the interest that a person has in real property owned by his or her spouse. If one person owns property during a marriage, his or her spouse has a one-third life estate interest in that property. Unless voluntarily released, such interest terminates upon death or divorce.