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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Version:** As Introduced

**Primary Sponsors:** Sens. Lang and McColley

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

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### Highlights

- The number of administrative appeals heard in the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas and related administrative expenses will decrease, while the number of administrative appeals and related administrative expenses will increase for courts of common pleas in other counties. The likely annual magnitude of any decrease or increase is minimal.
- Affected agencies and the Attorney General will likely incur increased costs to travel and appear in person at appeals hearings in counties outside of Franklin County. The availability of video conferencing may minimize those costs.

### Detailed Analysis

The bill modifies current law by generally providing that a party adversely affected by an order of an agency may appeal the order to the court of common pleas of (1) the county in which the place of business of the party is located, or (2) the county in which the party is a resident, eliminating current law that certain appeals must be made to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas.<sup>1, 2</sup>

These changes will decrease the number of administrative appeals heard in the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas and will increase the number heard in other courts of common

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<sup>1</sup> See the LSC bill analysis for a complete list of agencies and appeals.

<sup>2</sup> Current law, unchanged by the bill, allows any party appealing an order of an agency that is not a resident of and has no place of business in Ohio, to appeal to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas.

pleas. The magnitude of the shift in case volume is likely minimal relative to the general case volume in the various courts of common pleas.

Affected agencies and the Attorney General will likely incur increased costs to travel in order to appear in person at appeals hearings in counties outside of Franklin County. Any cost increases are dependent upon the volume of cases heard outside of Franklin County. Those costs could be minimized to the degree that the court permits video conferencing rather than requiring parties to the appeal appear in person.