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Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments

(This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate Floor.)

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Senate Judiciary

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Fairborn Municipal Court

Added a second full-time judge to the Fairborn Municipal Court, to be elected initially in 2023 (R.C. 1901.08).

Portage County Domestic Relations Court

Expanded the jurisdiction of the Portage County Domestic Relations Court to include the following: (1) all cases arising under the Parentage Law, (2) all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities, and others pertaining to children, (3) all proceedings arising under the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act and the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act, (4) all proceedings arising from a motion for relief from a paternity determination or support order, and (5) all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from the above cases and proceedings (R.C. 2301.03).

Excluded from the juvenile court's jurisdiction cases and proceedings related to the above proceedings added to the Portage County Domestic Relations Court's jurisdiction (R.C. 2151.23).

East Liverpool Municipal Court abolition; Columbiana County Municipal Court

Abolished the East Liverpool Municipal Court, which has jurisdiction in East Liverpool and Liverpool and St. Clair townships in Columbiana County and in certain portions of the Ohio River, and abolishes its sole judgeship, to take effect on the bill's effective date (R.C. 1901.01, 1901.027, and 1901.08).

Removed the exception of East Liverpool, and Liverpool and St. Clair townships, from the current territorial jurisdiction of the Columbiana County Municipal Court, resulting in the Columbiana County Municipal Court having jurisdiction within Columbiana County (R.C. 1901.02).

Specified transition provisions, including the transfer of all causes, judgments, executions, and proceedings pending in the East Liverpool Municipal Court on the bill's effective date, to the Columbiana County Municipal Court (Sections 4 and 5).

Relocated provisions related to the clerk of the Columbiana County Municipal Court that generally apply to territories with populations of less than 100,000 to territories with populations of 100,000 or more (R.C. 1901.31).