



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 341 of the 132nd G.A.

Status: As Passed by the House

Sponsor: Reps. Huffman and Cera

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Subject: Exempts personal information of judges and magistrates from disclosure under the Public Records Law

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill adds judges and magistrates to the list of professions whose residential and familial information is exempted from disclosure under the Public Records Law. The bill further permits these officials to request that their address be redacted from any record of a public office that is publicly available on the Internet in which their residential and familial information appears, except for the records of a county auditor. Finally, as it applies to publically available records stored by the county auditor, the bill permits a judge or magistrate to request that the county auditor replace the judge's name with the judge's initials in those records.

The provisions of the bill already apply to certain listed professions under current law. In essence, the bill simply adds judges to this list. Because of this, political subdivisions have procedures in place for the removal or redaction of personal information of these employees. Adding judges and magistrates to the list of professions whose familial and residential information is exempted from disclosure under the Public Records Law would appear to result in only negligible cost increases or added administrative burden, if any at all, for political subdivisions.

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