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**H.B. 126**  
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## **Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement**

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**Version:** As Introduced

**Primary Sponsor:** Rep. Hillyer

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

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### **Highlights**

- The bill may minimally reduce the annual workload of the courts of common pleas, and the Ohio Attorney General's Office which represents the state in single-subject rule matters. The courts and Attorney General's office may see a reduction in workload and related expenses and a corresponding reduction in filing fees in the courts, the overall effect of which will be minimal at most annually.

### **Detailed Analysis**

The bill requires an action filed against an act of the General Assembly in a court of common pleas on the ground of noncompliance with the single subject rule<sup>1</sup> to be filed within 275 days after the effective date of the act.

According to the Ohio Attorney General's Office, fewer than five such cases are typically filed per year and generally are brought quickly – sometimes even before enactment of the bill. Given this bill's shortened window for filing, affected filers may file sooner than they otherwise would have to meet the prescribed deadline rather than not filing at all.

The bill has the potential to reduce the already relatively low number of filings in the courts of common pleas related to challenges based on the single-subject rule. Any decrease in filings will translate into a reduction in the caseloads of the courts of common pleas and a reduction in the workload of the Attorney General's office to defend the state in court. Relative to the workloads of both, the impact of the bill is likely to be minimal annually.

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<sup>1</sup> Division (D) of Section 15, Article II of the Ohio Constitution provides in relevant part that "[n]o bill shall contain more than one subject, which shall be clearly expressed in its title."