Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

122 nd General Assembly of Ohio

BILL:	**Am. H.B. 319**	DATE:	**May 11, 1998**
STATUS:	**As Passed by the House**	SPONSOR:	**Rep. Kasputis**

LOCAL IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED: **No — No local cost**

CONTENTS: **Makes the elected Clerk of the Municipal Court responsible for the management, maintenance, operation and modernization of their office computer system**

State Fiscal Highlights

- No fiscal effect

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No fiscal effect

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill requires that the elected Clerks of Municipal Courts be the officials responsible for the management, maintenance, operation and modernization of all computer systems within their offices. According to the Ohio Association of Municipal Court Clerks, there are currently only 31 Clerks who are elected. The rest of the Clerks of Municipal Courts are appointed. This change does not have a fiscal impact on either the state or the localities because the change only affects who has responsibility for the system. An established procedure for raising and appropriating funds already exists in O.R.C §1901.261. The Clerk of Court must still receive appropriation approval from either a board of county commissioners or the proper municipal legislative authority. Also, if the Clerk of Court is appointed, a non-elected position, then an additional order from the municipal court is needed for the disbursement of funds. The bill also expands the language dealing with the authorization of funds. It will now allow funds to be used for the managing, operating and modernizing of the computer system of both the court and the clerk of court's office. These provisions will tend to streamline the modernization of the court's operations without necessarily increasing expenditures.

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