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- **Henry County costs.** Starting with CY 2006, the annual amount that Henry County will expend to support their portion of the conversion of the part-time Napoleon municipal court judge to full-time status will increase by \$13,067, which consists of net increases of: (1) \$11,073 in salary, (2) \$1,501 in PERS contributions, and (3) \$493 in miscellaneous other contributions. Currently, the state has statutorily prescribed annual pay increases in the state share of the salary of common pleas court judges through CY 2008. The costs noted here do not reflect the actual salary and benefits of a full-time municipal court judge but rather the difference in salary and benefits between a full-time judge and a part-time judge. Since Napoleon currently has a part-time municipal judge, the only new costs borne by the county are the additional costs in salary and benefits of a full-time judge.
- **Richland County Common Pleas judge.** Portions of the bill dealing with modifying the jurisdiction of the Richland County Court of Common Pleas domestic relations judge should not create any additional costs to Richland County.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Napoleon Municipal Court Judge

The bill changes the status of the current Napoleon Municipal Court judge from a part-time to a full-time judge. The new full-time judge will be elected in the fall of 2005 and will take office January 1, 2006.

Judicial salary

The annual salary of a judge of a municipal court judge consists of a state share and a local share paid by the county and municipality. The Supreme Court of Ohio estimates that, when the full-time municipal court judge takes office on January 1, 2006, the annual salary of the judge will be \$112,350. This cost will be split amongst the appropriate local jurisdictions and the state as follows:

- The ***local share*** of a municipal court judge's full salary is estimated to be \$65,163 (or 58%), split between the City of Napoleon (60% or \$39,098) and Henry County (40% or \$26,065)
- The ***state share*** is equal to the annual salary minus the local share, or \$47,187.

It should also be noted that Sub. H.B. 712 of the 123rd General Assembly provided annual salary increases each year from 2002 through 2008. The annual salaries of the judges and justices of the court will increase by the lesser of 3% or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) over the 12-month period ending on September 30 of the previous year. In the case of judges for whom a portion of the salary is paid locally, the entire amount of the increase is added to the state share.

Retirement (PERS)

State and local elected officials are exempt from membership in PERS (Public Employees Retirement System), unless they choose to become members. Most do. Therefore, this analysis includes PERS payments, which assumes that the full-time judge elected to the Napoleon Municipal Court will join PERS. The state and local PERS contributions are calculated as follows:

- The state contributes at the rate of 13.31% of its supplemental salary amount, while the county and the city each pays 13.55% on its base share amount.
- Under that PERS contribution formula, the City of Napoleon will pay a total of \$5,298 and Henry County will pay \$3,532 annually, while the state will contribute a total of \$6,281 in FY 2007, the first full state fiscal year of the newly elected full-time municipal court judge.

Other state contributions

In addition to PERS, the state also makes contributions for other purposes, totaling approximately 8.69%, which includes 1.45% of gross salary for Medicare for all employees hired after April 1986, 0.67% for workers' compensation, 0.28% for the administration of the Central Accounting System, and approximately 6.29% in health insurance contributions. It should be noted that the state's share in health insurance

contributions has been increasing and is expected to continue increasing in the future. These miscellaneous annual contributions will cost the state \$4,101 (\$47,187 x 8.69%) in FY 2007 the first full state fiscal year of the newly elected full-time municipal court judge.

Summary of Fiscal Changes

Since the City of Napoleon currently has a part-time municipal court judge, the costs outlined above should not be considered as “new” costs to the city, county, and state. This parttime judge will be converted to a full-time judge, earning a higher salary rate. Presumably, there are no capital or additional staffing costs expected to occur as a result of the enactment of this bill. The net increase in costs to the state and local jurisdictions is outlined below.

**Ohio Supreme Court
FY 2007 Costs⁺**

	Part-time Judge	Full-time Judge	Net Increase
Salary	\$27,141*	\$47,187**	\$20,046
OPERS (13.55% of salary)	\$3,612	\$6,281	\$2,669
Other Benefits (1.45% for Medicare + 0.67% for workers' compensation + 0.28% for the administration of the Central Accounting System + approximately 6.29% in health insurance contributions)	\$2,359	\$4,101	\$1,742
Total	\$33,112	\$57,569	\$24,457

+ FY 2007 represents the first full year of the full-time judgeship

* 42% of \$64,622 (estimated 2006 salary of part-time municipal judge)

** 42% of \$112,350 (estimated 2006 salary of full-time municipal judge)

**City of Napoleon
CY 2006 Costs**

	Part-time Judge	Full-time Judge	Net Increase
Salary	\$22,488 *	\$39,098 **	\$16,610
OPERS (13.55% of salary)	\$3,047	\$5,298	\$2,251
Other Benefits (1.45% Medicare + 3% Worker's Comp.)	\$1,007	\$1,740	\$733
Total	\$26,542	\$46,136	\$19,594

* 58% of \$64,622 (estimated 2006 salary of part-time municipal judge) x 60% (Napoleon's share)

** 58% of \$112,350 (estimated 2006 salary of full-time municipal judge) x 60% (Napoleon's share)

**Henry County
CY 2006 Costs**

	Part-time Judge	Full-time Judge	Net Increase
Salary	\$14,992 *	\$26,065 **	\$11,073
OPERS (13.55% of salary)	\$2,031	3,532	\$1,501
Other Benefits (1.45% Medicare + 3% Worker's Comp.)	\$667	\$1,160	\$493
Total	\$17,690	\$30,757	\$13,067

* 58% of \$64,622 (estimated 2006 salary of part-time municipal judge) x 40% (Henry County's share)

** 58% of \$112,350 (estimated 2006 salary of full-time municipal judge) x 40% (Henry County's share)

Richland County Court Of Common Pleas

The bill modifies the jurisdiction of the current Richland County Court of Common Pleas domestic relations judge. Specifically, the bill specifies that the division of domestic relations will have concurrent jurisdiction with the juvenile division in cases dealing with the care, custody, or control of a child and in certain incidences, cases dealing with the support of the child.

The bill also states that the domestic relations judge shall be the administrator of the domestic relations division, which will authorize the judge to resolve a multitude of personnel issues within the division.

These modifications should create no additional fiscal costs to Richland County or to the state.

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