



# Ohio Judicial Conference

The Voice of Ohio Judges

Ohio Senate Judiciary Committee  
SB 61 – Interested Party testimony

Chair Manning, Vice Chair Reynolds, Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson,

On behalf of the Ohio Judicial Conference, I am pleased to offer this Interested Party testimony on Senate Bill 61.

Since the adoption of the Modern Courts Amendment in 1968, there has occasionally been unintentional overlap between the Supreme Court’s authority to govern the “general superintendence” of courts, and the legislature’s general policymaking authority. Senate Bill 61 represents a fair and practical approach to delineate where the authority of each branch of government lies. The bill maintains and upholds the separation of powers that is foundational to our system of government. The Judicial Conference will always support efforts to streamline and simplify our statutes, and we believe that S.B. 61 accomplishes this, without resulting in any negative impact on the work of judges and courts.

Thank you for your consideration of the feedback of Ohio’s judges.

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