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Thank you for all your hard work preparing the state's biennial operating budget (House Bill 110). I am Nailah K. Byrd, the Cuyahoga County Clerk of Courts and Legislative Co-Chair for the Ohio Clerk of Courts Association (OCCA). The OCCA respectfully requests you support the 'clean-up' budget amendments the Association is seeking, which include:

- No longer requiring the Secretary of State to forward physical copies of recently enacted legislation to each Clerk of Courts.
- No longer requiring the Clerks of Courts to retain physical titles for seven years once it is verified that the title is uploaded into the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicle (BMV)'s Automated Title Processing System.
- Aligning the requirements for recording orders made out of court with the Rules of Superintendence.
- Harmonizing the records to be kept by the Clerk of Courts with the Supreme Court of Ohio's Rules of Superintendence.
- Modernizing the materials to be kept by the Clerk of Courts to be consistent with the Supreme Court of Ohio's Rules of Superintendence.
- Modernizing the list of items, the County Commissioners furnish to the Clerks of Court (replaces specific list with more general language to allow for flexibility).
- Permitting the electronic appointment of Deputy Clerks of Court.

These items are not controversial and are intended to update the statutes with current practices. The proposed changes also make the Clerk of Courts offices more efficient and save money. The amendments were shared with the various interested parties including the Secretary of State and the BMV.

Thank you for your consideration. Do not hesitate to reach out to me, or your County Clerk of Courts, with any questions.

Regards.

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