

## Legislative News: Two-Week Review



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### ***In Case You Missed It:***

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*The Ohio Judicial Conference is dedicated to serving all Ohio judges. The Judicial Conference is the voice of the judiciary & a primary resource to ensure the fair, unbiased, open & effective administration of justice.*

- **SB 303** (Sen. Thomas) **Jury Source Lists**, introduced 3.2.22. Currently, jury source lists compiled annually by jury commissioners must include names from the Board of Elections and may include names from the Board of Motor Vehicles. The bill requires that the names from the Ohio BMV be included in the jury source list.
- **HB 518** (Rep. Hoops) **Courts and Judgeships**, passed out of the House, 3.9.22. The bill creates the Fulton County Municipal Court and was amended to also alter the requirement that the municipal court in Hamilton County maintain two locations outside the corporation limits of Cincinnati.
- **HB 580** (Rep. Miller), **Motor Vehicle Offenses**, introduced 2.28.22. The bill changes the penalties for failure to comply with an order or signal of a police officer; willfully evading police in a motor vehicle is an F4 (currently M1), with the possibility of being an F2, depending on circumstances. A motor vehicle used in the offense is subject to possible seizure and forfeiture.
- **HB 586** (Reps. Schmidt, Upchurch) **Post-Conviction DNA Testing**, introduced 3.1.22. The bill authorizes filing an initial or subsequent postconviction relief petition for a felony conviction that is based on DNA testing showing actual innocence.
- On 2.4.22, the Ohio Board of Professional Conduct issued [Opinion 2022-01](#), withdrawing Advisory Opinion 1988-013. The Board stated that a county prosecuting attorney is not prohibited from appearing before a part-time municipal court judge, who also employs a part-time assistant county prosecutor in a private law firm but the prosecuting attorney must still analyze his or her own individual conflict under Prof.Cond.R. 1.11(d). to determine whether there is a substantial risk that his or her relationship with the part-time assistant prosecutor will materially limit his or her representation of the public client before the judge. Prof.Cond.R. 1.7(a)(2).
- The Ohio Supreme Court has updated **standard probate forms** for [Guardianship](#), [Name Changes](#), and [Medicaid Recovery](#); updates went into effect on 2.1.22.
- Save the date: The OCCO legislative reception is scheduled for 4.6.22, from 5:00 to 7:00 in the Statehouse Atrium. The **Ohio Council of County Officials** is an organization that includes representatives from each of the county elected officials' associations and the Ohio Judicial Conference. It serves as a forum to provide information about issues of importance to county elected officials and work on legislative issues of mutual concern.
- Save the Date: **Law Day at the Statehouse** is scheduled for 5.11.22 and is being organized in conjunction with the OSBA and the Ohio Access to Justice Foundation.
- Save the Date: the once annual **Judicial-Legislative Exchange** is back! We encourage all judges to participate on 5.18.22, but would especially like new judges to take part. To sign up, email [us](#).

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