



Judicial Impact Statement

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HB 272 – Personal Jurisdiction

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Title Information

To expand the basis of a court's exercise of personal jurisdiction to include any basis consistent with the Ohio Constitution and the United States Constitution.

Background

A state's personal jurisdiction, also known as a "long-arm statute," determines the extent to which out-of-state actors can be subject to state court jurisdiction. Ohio, unlike many other states, restricts its long-arm statute and HB 272 would expand it to the limits of the Ohio and United States Constitutions.

Judicial Impact

HB 272 will not greatly impact the work of Ohio courts. In a long-arm case, the controversy is usually over whether jurisdiction comports with "fairness" and due process, so amending the procedural basis for long-arm jurisdiction is unlikely to increase challenges. Conversely, expanding the state procedural rule for long-arm jurisdiction will probably not add materially to the workload of Ohio courts, either.

What is a Judicial Impact Statement?

A Judicial Impact Statement describes as objectively and accurately as possible the probable, practical effects on Ohio's court system of the adoption of the particular bill. The court system includes people who use the courts (parties to suits, witnesses, attorneys and other deputies, probation officials, judges and others). The Ohio Judicial Conference prepares these statements pursuant to R.C. 105.911.