

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2772

As Reported By House Committee On:
Judiciary

Title: An act relating to requiring new courts to report their establishment to the supreme court.

Brief Description: Requiring new courts to report their establishment to the supreme court.

Sponsors: Representatives Hurst, Constantine, Lambert and Edwards.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Judiciary: 2/3/00 [DPS].

Brief Summary of Substitute Bill

- Requires any city or town that establishes a new municipal court to report the creation of the court to the supreme court within 30 days.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Majority Report: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 12 members: Representatives Carrell, Republican Co-Chair; Constantine, Democratic Co-Chair; Hurst, Democratic Vice Chair; Lambert, Republican Vice Chair; Cox; Dickerson; Esser; Kastama; Lantz; Lovick; McDonald and Schindler.

Staff: Bill Perry (786-7123).

Background:

Some municipal courts operate as departments of the county district courts. Cities and towns, however, are also authorized to create their own municipal courts that operate independently of the district courts. Municipal courts have jurisdiction over civil and criminal matters arising out of municipal ordinances.

Summary of Substitute Bill:

Whenever a city or town creates a municipal court, notice of the establishment of the court must be sent to the supreme court within 30 days.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill: The substitute bill corrects a drafting error by replacing the word "county" with the word "town."

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date of Substitute Bill: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: There is currently no official way to keep track of newly created courts.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Judge Peter Lukevich, District and Municipal Court Judges Association.