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Hartmann Appointed To Review Court Fees

Joint committee will make recommendations on fee structures statewide

CINCINNATI --- Hamilton County Clerk of Courts Greg Hartmann has been appointed to a committee that will study court costs and filing fee structures statewide. Hartmann was named to the committee by Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas Moyer.

“Court costs are administered throughout our justice system to help fund the operation of our courts. These user fees significantly relieve taxpayer funding of the justice system but should not be abused. I look forward to sharing my experience to guide the committee’s work,” said Hartmann.

The Joint Committee to Study Court Costs and Filing Fees was established by the Ohio General Assembly to review the assessment, collection and allocation of court costs and filing fees in all 88 counties. The 17 members of the committee are state legislators, judges, attorneys, county and city officials and court officers from around the state. The other members include:

Steve Hollon - Administrative Director, Supreme Court of Ohio

Judge Michael Grigsby - Marysville Municipal Court

State Representative Matt Huffman

Jim Laria - Akron Municipal Clerk of Court

State Representative Kevin Bacon

Kim Switzer - Hancock County Court Administrator

State Representative Dan Dodd

Jack Kuhlman - Tenth District Court of Appeals Administrator

State Senator Keith Faber

Kevin Taylor, Esq. - Van Wert, Ohio

State Senator Steve Austria

Teresa Schulte - Clerk of Warren City Council

State Senator Lance Mason

Dan Foley - Montgomery County Commissioner

Judge Robert Hickson - Morrow County Court of Common Pleas

Michael Close, Esq. - Franklin County, Ohio

The committee will convene for their first meeting this summer. They are expected to generate a report for the General Assembly and make recommendations for any necessary changes to court costs and filing fee structures in the Ohio Revised Code.