

HCS HB 1171 -- COURTS

This bill authorizes Franklin County to prosecute and punish violations of its county orders in the circuit court or in a county municipal court if the creation of a county municipal court is approved by an order of the county commission. The Franklin County Commission must appoint the first judges for the county municipal court for a term of four years, and thereafter the judges must be elected for a term of four years. The commission must establish by order the number of judges to be appointed and the qualifications for their appointment.

The bill changes the age at which the juvenile court will have jurisdiction over a child involving a state or local traffic violation from up to 15 1/2 years of age to up to 15 years of age.