

Gavel to Gavel

A review of state legislation affecting the courts

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Focus: Prefiled legislation

As most legislatures start to come back into session for 2008, many are offering some insights into what the next year has to offer for the state courts. Many are reintroductions of legislation from the immediate past session while others are brand new offerings.

Newly Introduced

Selection

NONE

Qualifications and Terms

NONE

Rule Making Authority

[OKLAHOMA HB 2008 \(2008\)](#) Extends sunset date for State Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters. Members of Board to be selected by Chief Justice. All actions of the Board shall be supervised by the Supreme Court and be subject to approval by the Court. No committee yet assigned

Structure Changes

NONE

Jurisdiction

NONE

Salary and Budget

[FLORIDA HB 399 \(2008\)](#) Clarifies a requirement that the sheriff and the clerk of the circuit court keep financial statements and books of accounts in accordance with Local Financial Management and Reporting law. Provides that the clerk of the circuit court is the accountant of the board of county commissioners and the county auditor. No committee yet assigned

Other

[FLORIDA HB 884 \(2008\)](#) Deletes various reporting requirements. Transfers requirement for reporting on the state's guardian ad litem program for dependent children from the State Courts Administrator to the statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office. No committee yet assigned



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Floor and Committee Activity

[OHIO SB 155 \(2007\)](#) Holds that a member of the current or a previous general assembly who is appointed to fill the unexpired term of a judge or justice shall receive compensation for the balance of that unexpired term at the rate that was in effect for that office on the last day of the general assembly prior to the one during which the person was appointed. Amendments approved by both House and Senate. Sent to Governor for approval

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