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**Representative Ferguson**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Edwards, Seitz, Hall, Click, Gross, Jordan, Hillyer,  
Johnson, Wiggam, Schmidt, Grendell**

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**A BILL**

To reduce appropriations for the Supreme Court of 1  
Ohio in the amount of any costs incurred to hold 2  
a primary election other than on May 3, 2022. 3

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** (A) If all candidates that, under Chapter 3513. 4  
of the Revised Code, are to be nominated at the primary election 5  
held on May 3, 2022, are not nominated at that primary election, 6  
then not later than the ninetieth day after all certificates of 7  
nomination have been issued for the 2022 general election, the 8  
Secretary of State shall estimate and certify to the Director of 9  
Budget and Management the total of the following amounts: 10

(1) The amount of any additional expenses the Secretary of 11  
State incurred as a result of conducting a primary election and 12  
any accompanying special election on a date other than May 3, 13  
2022; 14

(2) The amount of any additional expenses the boards of 15  
elections incurred as a result of conducting a primary election 16  
and any accompanying special election on a date other than May 17

3, 2022, including expenses for which the Secretary of State is 18  
to reimburse the boards of elections and expenses a county or 19  
other political subdivision must pay under section 3501.17 of 20  
the Revised Code. 21

(B) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, 22  
for fiscal year 2023, General Revenue Fund appropriations for 23  
the Supreme Court of Ohio are hereby reduced by the amount 24  
certified under division (A) of this section. The Director of 25  
Budget and Management shall make all accounting changes 26  
necessary to carry out this section. 27