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This table summarizes how the latest substitute version of the bill differs from the immediately preceding version. It addresses only the topics on which the two versions differ substantively. It does not list topics on which the two bills are substantively the same.

Previous Version (I_133_0958-3)	Latest Version (I_133_0958-6)
Special improvement district members	
No provision.	Removes the requirement that municipal corporations and townships be contiguous when establishing a special improvement district (SID), but does require them to be located within a single county or one or more counties that adjoin one another (<i>R.C. 1710.02</i>). (Continuing law requires SID territory to be contiguous unless the SID is designated for the purpose of financing special energy or shoreline improvements.)

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Continuous joint police and fire levy	
<p>Authorizes a municipal corporation or a township to levy, with voter approval, a continuing joint levy for fire, emergency medical, and police services, and, as with most other continuing levies, allows such a levy to be reduced or terminated by the municipal corporation or township that imposed the levy or reduced, under certain circumstances, by the county budget commission or voters (<i>R.C. 5705.19; Sections 3 and 4</i>).</p>	<p>No provision.</p>
Renew and increase or decrease an existing levy	
<p>Allows the question of a renewal, increase, or decrease of an existing levy to be submitted to voters and apply for any year during which the existing tax is levied (<i>R.C. 5705.25(A)(2)</i>). (Under current law, a renewal, increase, or decrease may only apply after the term of the existing tax expires, and only if approved at an election held in the last year of that existing tax or the following year.)</p>	<p>Limits the authority to renew, increase, or decrease an existing levy to the last year that levy applies or the ensuing year (<i>R.C. 5705.25(A)(2)</i>).</p>
Metropolitan housing authority board membership (R.C. 3735.27 and Section 4)	
<p>Modifies membership of a metropolitan housing authority in charter counties by including a member appointed by the city <i>or township</i> (rather than only the city) that has the largest ratio of housing units owned or managed by the authority to population.</p>	<p>No provision.</p>

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Pole excavation in a township	
Requires a person – who intends to make an excavation to repair, rehabilitate, or replace a pole to provide electric or telecommunications service in a township highway right-of-way – to provide notice of the excavation to the township fiscal officer at least three days before the excavation (<i>R.C. 5571.16</i>).	No provision.