

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: June 5, 2019 _____

Name: Tom Hach _____

Are you representing: Yourself Organization _____

Organization (If Applicable): _____

Position/Title: _____

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Business before the committee

Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): HB 153 _____

Specific Issue: County official vacancy of office _____

Are you testifying as a: Proponent Opponent _____ Interested Party _____

Will you have a written statement, visual aids, or other material to distribute? Yes No _____

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How much time will your testimony require? NONE – Written only _____

Please provide a brief statement on your position:

My name is Tom Hach and I am writing in support of House Bill 153 - Declare county office vacant if fail to perform duties. I was frankly shocked to learn many county officials, who receive full-time pay, are only required by the ORC to perform their duties of office 4 times per year (1 time per every 90 days for most county officials). *(see statement)*

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HB 153 PROPONENT TESTIMONY – TOM HACH

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I am in my second term as a member of the Riverside Local Schools Board of Education in Northeast Ohio, and therefore have some experience on the amount of time elected officials need to invest in their jobs. School board members are part-time officials, and are paid approximately \$110 per school board meeting or work sessions when all board five board members are present.

Additionally, in my district, there are four committees including personnel, buildings and grounds, curriculum and finance. The committees often meet monthly, and each committee has two board members while each board member is assigned to two of the four committees. Given this structure, board members are not paid for their work on the committees. Over the course of 90 days, I will attend three board meetings and at least three committee meetings for a minimum of six meetings during this time frame. These are the necessary requirements for part-time school board members to effectively do their job.

Given my personal experience outlined above, I believe in the most definitive way possible the current ORC work requirements for many county officials are woefully inadequate. HB 153 is a step in the right direction to ensure county officials are effectively doing the job the voters chose them to do, however, even the work requirements in this bill are still very lenient especially when compared to most voter's experience of having to work five days a week.

I support HB 153, and I strongly encourage additional required work days be added to ensure county officials are more responsive to the citizens for whom they work.

Humbly submitted,
Tom Hach
Member, Riverside Local Schools Board of Education