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A BILL

To permit counties to receive payments by a drop box instead of in-person for the duration of the Governor's COVID-19 emergency declaration and to declare an emergency.

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code requiring payments to a county, county elected official, or county agency to be made in person, such payments may be made by use of a secured drop box made available to the public by the county, official, or agency for the duration of the emergency declared by Executive Order 2020-01D, issued on March 9, 2020. Any such county, official, or agency using such a drop box shall collect payments made thereby not less than once each day. Payments made by use of the drop box and collected on a day shall be considered to have been paid on the preceding day for the purpose of determining the timeliness of a payment. A county, county official, or county agency using a drop box under the authority of this section may prohibit payments in the form of currency to be made by use of the drop box.
Section 2. This act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is to ensure the continued fiscal soundness of counties' programs and operations without causing unnecessary person-to-person contact during the ongoing COVID-19 disease outbreak. Therefore, this act shall go into immediate effect.