



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments*

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Requires at least 30% of the proceeds from a lease executed on or after the bill's effective date for the exploration and production of oil or gas within or under a state park to be credited to the applicable fund created in the State Treasury that supports the state park, and requires the Department of Natural Resources to use the money for capital improvements in that state park.

Requires the Director of Natural Resources to adopt rules establishing procedures and requirements for publishing notice on the Department's web site of each nomination received by the Commission for at least 21 days prior to the Commission's approval or disapproval of a nomination.

Establishes any comments or objections to a nomination submitted by Ohio residents or other users of the parcel of land that is the subject of a nomination as an additional factor that the Oil and Gas Commission must consider when approving or disapproving a nomination.

Retains the Forestry Mineral Royalties Fund and the Parks Mineral Royalties Fund, which are created by the bill, but specifies that those Funds are in the State Treasury rather than are custodial funds as in the bill as passed by the House.

Eliminates the requirement that disbursements from the State Land Royalty Fund, which is created by the bill, be made by the Director of Budget and Management with the approval of the Controlling Board.

Requires a state agency that has classified a parcel of land as a class 2 property to make reasonable and appropriate efforts so that the parcel could be classified as a class 1 property rather than requiring such an agency to make reasonable efforts to take appropriate actions so that the parcel may be reclassified as a class 1 property as in the bill as passed by the House.

* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate Floor.

Authorizes a state agency that owns or controls class 3 property for which a nomination for that property has been denied under the bill to enter into written agreements to use that property to form a drilling unit rather than requiring that such agreements be with owners of adjoining tracts as in the bill as passed by the House.

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