



Sponsor Testimony
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House Bill 361

Chair Blessing, Vice-Chair Reienke, Ranking Member Clyde and Members of the House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee Thank you for providing me the opportunity to offer sponsor testimony on House Bill 361

House Bill 361 seeks to address a very important issue that many of our county boards of revision face when hearing property tax complaints – not enough time to be compliant with current state law. Currently, all county boards of revisions, regardless of the amount of complaints filed or population of the County, must hear all complaints with 90 days of the filing of each complaint. As a four year member of the Cuyahoga County Board of Revisions, I can testify – that in our larger counties, this is simply not enough time.

This Bill will:

1. Allow all boards of revisions 90 business days to hear the property tax complaints – a change from just 90 days
2. Allow the boards in the top ten most populous counties an additional 90 business days, and
3. Defines, in the ORC – what is a “business day”.

This committee will hear testimony from the directors of various boards that the current limit of 90 days is simply not enough time. Presently, there are boards who simply cannot meet the statutory deadline due to the massive volume of complaints and the limited amount of time to manage the volume. House Bill 361 expands the current deadlines in an attempt to allow our county boards of revision time to be compliant and to reasonably manage taxpayer case-loads.

Thank you your consideration of the bill and I am available for your questions.