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H. B. No. 410

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A BILL

Го	amend sections 1901.18, 1901.20, 1907.02,	1
	1907.031, 4511.092, 4511.093, 4511.096,	2
	4511.097, 4511.098, 4511.0910, 5747.51, and	3
	5747.53, to enact new sections 4511.099 and	4
	5747.502, and to repeal sections 4511.099,	5
	4511.0915, and 5747.502 of the Revised Code to	6
	grant municipal and county courts original and	7
	exclusive jurisdiction over any civil action	8
	concerning a traffic law violation, to specify	9
	that the court require an advance deposit for	10
	the filing of specified civil actions by the	11
	local authority bringing the civil action, and	12
	to modify the reporting requirements and LGF	13
	withholding that apply to subdivisions that	14
	operate traffic law photo-monitoring devices.	15

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

Secti	on 1. That	sections	1901.18,	1901.20,	1907.02,	16
1907.031,	4511.092,	4511.093,	4511.096,	4511.097	, 4511.098,	17

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and to subject the interest of a judgment debtor in personal	47
property to satisfy judgments enforceable by the municipal	48
court;	49
(6) In any action or proceeding in the nature of	50
interpleader;	51
(7) In any action of replevin;	52
(8) In any action of forcible entry and detainer;	53
(9) In any action concerning the issuance and enforcement	54
of temporary protection orders pursuant to section 2919.26 of	55
the Revised Code or protection orders pursuant to section	56
2903.213 of the Revised Code or the enforcement of protection	57
orders issued by courts of another state, as defined in section	58
2919.27 of the Revised Code;	59
(10) If the municipal court has a housing or environmental	60
division, in any action over which the division is given	61
jurisdiction by section 1901.181 of the Revised Code, provided	62
that, except as specified in division (B) of that section, no	63
judge of the court other than the judge of the division shall	64
hear or determine any action over which the division has	65
jurisdiction;	66
(11) In any action brought pursuant to division (I) of	67
section 4781.40 of the Revised Code, if the residential premises	68
that are the subject of the action are located within the	69
territorial jurisdiction of the court;	70
(12) In any civil action as described in division (B)(1)	71
of section 3767.41 of the Revised Code that relates to a public	72
nuisance, and, to the extent any provision of this chapter	73
conflicts or is inconsistent with a provision of that section,	74
the provision of that section shall control in the civil action;	75

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(13) In a proceeding brought pursuant to section 955.222	76
of the Revised Code by the owner of a dog that has been	77
designated as a nuisance dog, dangerous dog, or vicious dog;	78
(14) In every civil action concerning a violation of a	79
state traffic law or a municipal traffic ordinance.	80
(B) The Cleveland municipal court also shall have	81
jurisdiction within its territory in all of the following	82
actions or proceedings and to perform all of the following	83
functions:	84
(1) In all actions and proceedings for the sale of real	85
property under lien of a judgment of the municipal court or a	86
lien for machinery, material, or fuel furnished or labor	87
performed, irrespective of amount, and, in those actions and	88
proceedings, the court may proceed to foreclose and marshal all	89
liens and all vested or contingent rights, to appoint a	90
receiver, and to render personal judgment irrespective of amount	91
in favor of any party.	92
(2) In all actions for the foreclosure of a mortgage on	93
real property given to secure the payment of money or the	94
enforcement of a specific lien for money or other encumbrance or	95
charge on real property, when the amount claimed by the	96
plaintiff does not exceed fifteen thousand dollars and the real	97
property is situated within the territory, and, in those	98
actions, the court may proceed to foreclose all liens and all	99
vested and contingent rights and may proceed to render judgments	100
and make findings and orders between the parties in the same	101
manner and to the same extent as in similar actions in the court	102
of common pleas.	103
(3) In all actions for the recovery of real property	104

situate	ed with	hin th	e terri	tory to	the	same	extent	as	courts	of	
common	pleas	have	jurisdi	ction;							

- (4) In all actions for injunction to prevent or terminate 107 violations of the ordinances and regulations of the city of 108 Cleveland enacted or promulgated under the police power of the 109 city of Cleveland, pursuant to Section 3 of Article XVIII, Ohio 110 Constitution, over which the court of common pleas has or may 111 have jurisdiction, and, in those actions, the court may proceed 112 to render judgments and make findings and orders in the same 113 manner and to the same extent as in similar actions in the court 114 of common pleas. 115
- (C) As used in this section, "violation of a state traffic law or a municipal traffic ordinance" has the same meaning as in section 1901.20 of the Revised Code. 118

Sec. 1901.20. (A) (1) The municipal court has exclusive 119 jurisdiction to hear misdemeanor cases committed within its 120 territory and has exclusive jurisdiction over the violation of 121 any every ordinance of any every municipal corporation within 122 its territory, unless the violation is a including over every 123 civil action concerning a violation based upon evidence recorded-124 by a traffic law photo-monitoring device and issued pursuant to-125 division (B)(3) of section 4511.093 of the Revised Code or the 126 of a state traffic law or a municipal traffic ordinance. The 127 municipal court does not have jurisdiction over a violation that 128 is required to be handled by a parking violations bureau or 129 joint parking violations bureau pursuant to Chapter 4521. of the 130 Revised Code. However, the municipal court has jurisdiction over 131 the violation of a vehicle parking or standing resolution or 132 regulation if a local authority, as defined in division (D) of 133 section 4521.01 of the Revised Code, has specified that it is 134

not to be considered a criminal offense, if the violation is	135
committed within the limits of the court's territory, and if the	136
violation is not required to be handled by a parking violations	137
bureau or joint parking violations bureau pursuant to Chapter	138
4521. of the Revised Code.	139

The municipal court, if it has a housing or environmental division, has jurisdiction over any criminal action over which the housing or environmental division is given jurisdiction by section 1901.181 of the Revised Code, provided that, except as specified in division (B) of that section, no judge of the court other than the judge of the division shall hear or determine any action over which the division has jurisdiction. In all such prosecutions and cases, the court shall proceed to a final determination of the prosecution or case.

- (2) A judge of a municipal court does not have the authority to dismiss a criminal complaint, charge, information, or indictment solely at the request of the complaining witness and over the objection of the prosecuting attorney, village solicitor, city director of law, or other chief legal officer who is responsible for the prosecution of the case.
- (B) The municipal court has jurisdiction to hear felony cases committed within its territory. In all felony cases, the court may conduct preliminary hearings and other necessary hearings prior to the indictment of the defendant or prior to the court's finding that there is probable and reasonable cause to hold or recognize the defendant to appear before a court of common pleas and may discharge, recognize, or commit the defendant.
- (C) (1) A municipal court has jurisdiction over an appeal 163 from a judgment or default judgment entered pursuant to Chapter 164

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if a local authority, as defined in division (D) of section	194
4521.01 of the Revised Code, has specified that it is not to be	195
considered a criminal offense, if the violation is committed	196
within the limits of the court's territory, and if the violation	197
is not required to be handled by a parking violations bureau or	198
joint parking violations bureau pursuant to Chapter 4521. of the	199
Revised Code. A county court does not have jurisdiction over	200
violations of ordinances, resolutions, or regulations that are	201
required to be handled by a parking violations bureau or joint	202
parking violations bureau pursuant to that chapter.	203

A county court also has jurisdiction of an appeal from a judgment or default judgment entered pursuant to Chapter 4521. of the Revised Code, as authorized by division (D) of section 4521.08 of the Revised Code. Any such appeal shall be placed on the regular docket of the court and shall be determined by a judge of the court.

- (C) A county court has exclusive jurisdiction over an 210 appeal of a written decision rendered by a hearing officer under-211 section 4511.099 of the Revised Code if the hearing officer that 212 213 rendered the decision was appointed by a local authority withinthe jurisdiction of the court every civil action concerning a 214 violation of a state traffic law or a municipal traffic 215 ordinance, if the violation is committed within the limits of 216 the court's territory. 217
- (D) As used in this section, "violation of a state traffic 218 law or a municipal traffic ordinance" has the same meaning as in 219 section 1901.20 of the Revised Code. 220
- Sec. 1907.031. (A) Except as otherwise provided in section 221 1907.03 of the Revised Code and in addition to the jurisdiction 222 authorized in other sections of this chapter and in section 223

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1909.11 of the Revised Code, a county court has original	224
jurisdiction within its district in all of the following actions	225
or proceedings and to perform all of the following functions:	226
(1) In an action or proceeding at law for the recovery of	227
money or personal property of which the court of common pleas	228
has jurisdiction;	229
(2) In an action at law based on contract, to determine,	230
preserve, and enforce all legal and equitable rights involved in	231
the contract, to decree an accounting, reformation, or	232
cancellation of the contract, and to hear and determine all	233
legal and equitable remedies necessary or proper for a complete	234
determination of the rights of the parties to the contract;	235
(3) In an action or proceeding for the sale of personal	236
property under chattel mortgage, lien, encumbrance, or other	237
charge, for the foreclosure and marshalling of liens on the	238
personal property, and for the rendering of personal judgment in	239
the action or proceeding;	240
(4) In an action or proceeding to enforce the collection	241
of its own judgments and to subject the interest of a judgment	242
debtor in personal property to satisfy judgments enforceable by	243
the county court;	244
(5) In an action or proceeding in the nature of	245
interpleader;	246
(6) In an action of forcible entry and detainer;	247
(7) In a proceeding brought pursuant to section 955.222 of	248
the Revised Code by the owner of a dog that has been designated	249
as a nuisance dog, dangerous dog, or vicious dog;	250
(8) In every civil action or proceeding concerning a	251

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Sec. 4511.096. (A) A law enforcement officer employed by a local authority utilizing a traffic law photo-monitoring device shall examine evidence of alleged traffic law violations recorded by the device to determine whether such a violation has occurred. If the image recorded by the traffic law photomonitoring device shows such a violation, contains the date and time of the violation, and shows the letter and numerals on the license plate of the vehicle involved as well as the state that issued the license plate, the officer may use any lawful means to identify the registered owner.

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- (B) The fact that a person or entity is the registered 367 owner of a motor vehicle is prima facie evidence that that 368 person or entity is the person who was operating the vehicle at 369 the time of the traffic law violation. 370 (C) Within thirty days of the traffic law violation, the 371 local authority or its designee may issue and send by regular 372 mail a ticket charging the registered owner with the violation. 373 The ticket shall comply with section 4511.097 of the Revised 374 Code. If the local authority mails a ticket charging the 375 registered owner with the violation, the local authority shall 376 file a certified copy of the ticket with the municipal court or 377 county court with jurisdiction over the civil action. 378 (D) A certified copy of the ticket alleging a traffic law 379 violation, sworn to or affirmed by a law enforcement officer 380 employed by the local authority, including by electronic means, 381 and the recorded images produced by the traffic law photo-382 monitoring device, is prima facie evidence of the facts 383 contained therein and is admissible in a civil action or 384 proceeding for review of concerning the ticket issued under this 385 386 section. Sec. 4511.097. (A) A traffic law violation for which a 387 ticket is issued by a local authority pursuant to division (B) 388 (3) of section 4511.093 of the Revised Code based on evidence 389 recorded by a traffic law photo-monitoring device is a civil 390 violation. If a local authority issues a ticket for such a 391 violation, the ticket shall comply with the requirements of this 392 section and the fine for such a ticket shall not exceed the 393 amount of the fine that may be imposed for a substantially 394
 - (B) A local authority or its designee shall process such a 396

equivalent criminal traffic law violation.

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owner at the time of the violation, identifying that person as a	453
designated party who may be held liable for the violation, and	454
containing at a minimum the name and address of the designated	455
party;	456
(ii) An affidavit executed by the registered owner stating	457
that at the time of the violation, the motor vehicle or the	458
license plates issued to the motor vehicle were stolen and	459
therefore were in the care, custody, or control of some person	460
or entity to whom the registered owner did not grant permission	461
to use the motor vehicle. In order to demonstrate that the motor	462
vehicle or the license plates were stolen prior to the traffic	463
law violation and therefore were not under the control or	464
possession of the registered owner at the time of the violation,	465
the registered owner shall submit proof that a report about the	466
stolen motor vehicle or license plates was filed with the	467
appropriate law enforcement agency prior to the violation or	468
within forty-eight hours after the violation occurred.	469
(b) A registered owner is not responsible for a traffic	470
law violation if, within thirty days after the date of mailing	471
of the ticket, the registered owner furnishes an affidavit	472
specified in division (A)(2)(a)(i) or (ii) of this section to	473
the local authority court with jurisdiction in a form	474
established by the local authority court and the following	475
conditions are met:	476
(i) If the registered owner submits an affidavit as	477
specified in division (A)(2)(a)(i) of this section, the	478
designated party either accepts liability for the violation by	479
paying the civil penalty or <u>by</u> failing to request an	480
administrative <u>a court</u>hearing within thirty days or is	481
determined liable in an administrative <u>a court</u> hearing;	482

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- (ii) If the registered owner submits an affidavit as 483 specified in division (A)(2)(a)(ii) of this section, the 484 affidavit is supported by a stolen vehicle or stolen license 485 plate report as required in that division. 486
- (3) If the registered owner is a motor vehicle leasing 487 dealer or a motor vehicle renting dealer, notify the law- 488 enforcement agency of the local authority court with 489 jurisdiction of the name and address of the lessee or renter of 490 the motor vehicle at the time of the traffic law violation. The 491 court shall establish the form of the notice. A motor vehicle 492 leasing dealer or motor vehicle renting dealer who receives a 493 ticket for an alleged traffic law violation detected by a 494 traffic law photo-monitoring device is not liable for a ticket 495 issued for a motor vehicle that was in the care, custody, or 496 control of a lessee or renter at the time of the alleged 497 violation. The dealer shall not pay such a ticket and 498 subsequently attempt to collect a fee or assess the lessee or 499 renter a charge for any payment of such a ticket made on behalf 500 of the lessee or renter. 501
- (4) If the vehicle involved in the traffic law violation is a commercial motor vehicle and the ticket is issued to a corporate entity, provide to the law enforcement agency of the local authority court with jurisdiction an affidavit in a form established by the court, sworn to or affirmed by an agent of the corporate entity, that provides the name and address of the employee who was operating the motor vehicle at the time of the alleged violation and who is the designated party.
- (5) Contest the ticket by filing a written request for—an— 510

 administrative a court hearing to review the ticket in a form 511

 established by the court. The person or entity shall file the 512

(B) of this section, the commissioner shall do the following, as	573
applicable:	574
(1) If the local authority is a municipal corporation,	575
reduce the amount of each of the next twelve payments to the	576
municipal corporation under division (C) of section 5747.50 of	577
the Revised Code by an amount equal to one-twelfth of the gross	578
amount of fines indicated on the report. If the fines exceed the	579
amount of money the subdivision would otherwise receive under	580
division (C) of section 5747.50 of the Revised Code, the	581
commissioner also shall reduce each of the next twelve payments	582
to the appropriate county undivided local government fund under	583
division (B) of section 5747.50 of the Revised Code by an amount	584
equal to one-twelfth of the excess and notify the county auditor	585
and county treasurer of that county that each of the next twelve	586
payments the municipal corporation receives under section	587
5747.51 or 5747.53 of the Revised Code shall be reduced by one-	588
twelfth of the excess.	589
(2) If the local authority is not a municipal corporation,	590
reduce payments to the appropriate county undivided local	591
government fund under division (B) of section 5747.50 of the	592
Revised Code by an amount equal to one-twelfth of the gross	593
amount of fines indicated on the report and immediately notify	594
the county auditor and county treasurer of that county that each	595
of the next twelve payments the municipal corporation receives	596
under section 5747.51 or 5747.53 of the Revised Code shall be	597
reduced by one-twelfth of the gross amount of fines indicated on	598
the report;	599
(3) If one or more payments to the local authority has	600
been withheld under division (D) of this section because of	601
failure to timely file the report, notify the county auditor and	602

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commissioner under division (C)(1), (2), (3), or (D)(3) of this	632
section shall reduce, cease, or resume payments from the	633
undivided local government fund to the local authority that is	634
the subject of the notice as specified by the commissioner in	635
the notice. Unless otherwise specified in the notice, the	636
payments shall be reduced, ceased, or resumed beginning with the	637
next required payment.	638
(F) On or before the tenth day of each month, the	639
commissioner shall deposit an amount equal to the payments	640
reduced or withheld under divisions (C)(1), (2), (D)(1), and (2)	641
of this section to the Ohio highway and transportation safety	642
fund which is hereby created in the state treasury. Amounts	643
credited to the fund shall be used by the department of	644
transportation to enhance public safety on public roads and	645
highways.	646
Sec. 5747.51. (A) On or before the twenty-fifth day of	647
July of each year, the tax commissioner shall make and certify	648
to the county auditor of each county an estimate of the amount	649
of the local government fund to be allocated to the undivided	650
local government fund of each county for the ensuing calendar	651
year, adjusting the total as required to account for	652
subdivisions receiving local government funds under section	653
5747.502 of the Revised Code.	654
(B) At each annual regular session of the county budget	655
commission convened pursuant to section 5705.27 of the Revised	656
Code, each auditor shall present to the commission the	657
certificate of the commissioner, the annual tax budget and	658
estimates, and the records showing the action of the commission	659
in its last preceding regular session. The commission, after	660
extending to the representatives of each subdivision an	661

opportunity to be heard, under oath administered by any member 662 of the commission, and considering all the facts and information 663 presented to it by the auditor, shall determine the amount of 664 the undivided local government fund needed by and to be 665 apportioned to each subdivision for current operating expenses, 666 as shown in the tax budget of the subdivision. This 667 determination shall be made pursuant to divisions (C) to (I) of 668 this section, unless the commission has provided for a formula 669 pursuant to section 5747.53 of the Revised Code. The 670 commissioner shall reduce or increase the amount of funds from 671 the undivided local government fund to a subdivision required to 672 receive reduced or increased funds under section 5747.502 of the 673 Revised Code. 674

Nothing in this section prevents the budget commission, 675 for the purpose of apportioning the undivided local government 676 fund, from inquiring into the claimed needs of any subdivision 677 as stated in its tax budget, or from adjusting claimed needs to 678 reflect actual needs. For the purposes of this section, "current 679 operating expenses" means the lawful expenditures of a 680 subdivision, except those for permanent improvements and except 681 payments for interest, sinking fund, and retirement of bonds, 682 notes, and certificates of indebtedness of the subdivision. 683

(C) The commission shall determine the combined total of 684 the estimated expenditures, including transfers, from the 685 general fund and any special funds other than special funds 686 established for road and bridge; street construction, 687 maintenance, and repair; state highway improvement; and gas, 688 water, sewer, and electric public utilities operated by a 689 subdivision, as shown in the subdivision's tax budget for the 690 691 ensuing calendar year.

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fund and any special funds other than special funds established 720 for road and bridge; street construction, maintenance, and 721 repair; state highway improvement; and gas, water, sewer, and 722 electric public utilities, from all other sources except those 723 that a subdivision receives from an additional tax or service 724 charge voted by its electorate or receives from special 725 726 assessment or revenue bond collection. For the purposes of this division, where the charter of a municipal corporation prohibits 727 the levy of an income tax, an income tax levied by the 728 729 legislative authority of such municipal corporation pursuant to an amendment of the charter of that municipal corporation to 730 authorize such a levy represents an additional tax voted by the 731 electorate of that municipal corporation. For the purposes of 732 this division, any measure adopted by a board of county 733 commissioners pursuant to section 322.02, 4504.02, or 5739.021 734 of the Revised Code, including those measures upheld by the 735 electorate in a referendum conducted pursuant to section 736 322.021, 4504.021, or 5739.022 of the Revised Code, shall not be 737 considered an additional tax voted by the electorate. 738

Subject to division (G) of section 5705.29 of the Revised Code, money in a reserve balance account established by a county, township, or municipal corporation under section 5705.13 of the Revised Code shall not be considered an unencumbered balance or revenue under division (E)(3) or (4) of this section.

Money in a reserve balance account established by a township under section 5705.132 of the Revised Code shall not be considered an unencumbered balance or revenue under division (E) (3) or (4) of this section.

If a county, township, or municipal corporation has

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created and maintains a nonexpendable trust fund under section

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5705.131 of the Revised Code, the principal of the fund, and any

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additions to the principal arising from sources other than the reinvestment of investment earnings arising from such a fund, shall not be considered an unencumbered balance or revenue under division (E)(3) or (4) of this section. Only investment earnings arising from investment of the principal or investment of such additions to principal may be considered an unencumbered balance or revenue under those divisions.

- (F) The total expenditures calculated pursuant to division(C) of this section, less the deductions authorized in divisions(D) and (E) of this section, shall be known as the "relative need" of the subdivision, for the purposes of this section.
- (G) The budget commission shall total the relative need of all participating subdivisions in the county, and shall compute a relative need factor by dividing the total estimate of the undivided local government fund by the total relative need of all participating subdivisions.
- (H) The relative need of each subdivision shall be multiplied by the relative need factor to determine the proportionate share of the subdivision in the undivided local government fund of the county; provided, that the maximum proportionate share of a county shall not exceed the following maximum percentages of the total estimate of the undivided local government fund governed by the relationship of the percentage of the population of the county that resides within municipal corporations within the county to the total population of the county as reported in the reports on population in Ohio by the department of development as of the twentieth day of July of the year in which the tax budget is filed with the budget commission:

Percentage share of

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Percentage of municipal	the county shall	781
population within the county:	not exceed:	782
Less than forty-one per cent	Sixty per cent	783
Forty-one per cent or more but	Fifty per cent	784
less than eighty-one per cent		785
Eighty-one per cent or more	Thirty per cent	786

Where the proportionate share of the county exceeds the limitations established in this division, the budget commission shall adjust the proportionate shares determined pursuant to this division so that the proportionate share of the county does not exceed these limitations, and it shall increase the proportionate shares of all other subdivisions on a pro rata basis. In counties having a population of less than one hundred thousand, not less than ten per cent shall be distributed to the townships therein.

(I) The proportionate share of each subdivision in the undivided local government fund determined pursuant to division (H) of this section for any calendar year shall not be less than the product of the average of the percentages of the undivided local government fund of the county as apportioned to that subdivision for the calendar years 1968, 1969, and 1970, multiplied by the total amount of the undivided local government fund of the county apportioned pursuant to former section 5735.23 of the Revised Code for the calendar year 1970. For the purposes of this division, the total apportioned amount for the calendar year 1970 shall be the amount actually allocated to the county in 1970 from the state collected intangible tax as levied by section 5707.03 of the Revised Code and distributed pursuant to section 5725.24 of the Revised Code, plus the amount received

by the county in the calendar year 1970 pursuant to division (B)	810
(1) of former section 5739.21 of the Revised Code, and	811
distributed pursuant to former section 5739.22 of the Revised	812
Code. If the total amount of the undivided local government fund	813
for any calendar year is less than the amount of the undivided	814
local government fund apportioned pursuant to former section	815
5739.23 of the Revised Code for the calendar year 1970, the	816
minimum amount guaranteed to each subdivision for that calendar	817
year pursuant to this division shall be reduced on a basis	818
proportionate to the amount by which the amount of the undivided	819
local government fund for that calendar year is less than the	820
amount of the undivided local government fund apportioned for	821
the calendar year 1970.	822

(J) On the basis of such apportionment, the county auditor

shall compute the percentage share of each such subdivision in

the undivided local government fund and shall at the same time

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certify to the tax commissioner the percentage share of the

county as a subdivision. No payment shall be made from the

undivided local government fund, except in accordance with such

percentage shares.

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Within ten days after the budget commission has made its 830 apportionment, whether conducted pursuant to section 5747.51 or 831 5747.53 of the Revised Code, the auditor shall publish a list of 832 the subdivisions and the amount each is to receive from the 833 undivided local government fund and the percentage share of each 834 subdivision, in a newspaper or newspapers of countywide 835 circulation, and send a copy of such allocation to the tax 836 commissioner. 837

The county auditor shall also send a copy of such 838 allocation by ordinary or electronic mail to the fiscal officer 839

partially in the county, with the greatest population residing

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in the county; however, if the county budget commission on or	869
before January 1, 1998, adopted an alternative method of	870
apportionment that was approved by the legislative authority of	871
the city, located partially in the county, with the greatest	872
population but not the greatest population residing in the	873
county, "city, located wholly or partially in the county, with	874
the greatest population" means the city, located wholly or	875
partially in the county, with the greatest population whether	876
residing in the county or not, if this alternative meaning is	877
adopted by action of the board of county commissioners and a	878
majority of the boards of township trustees and legislative	879
authorities of municipal corporations located wholly or	880
partially in the county.	881

- (2) "Participating political subdivision" means a municipal corporation or township that satisfies all of the following:
 - (a) It is located wholly or partially in the county.
- (b) It is not the city, located wholly or partially in the county, with the greatest population.
- (c) Undivided local government fund moneys are apportioned 888 to it under the county's alternative method or formula of 889 apportionment in the current calendar year. 890
- (B) In lieu of the method of apportionment of the
 undivided local government fund of the county provided by
 section 5747.51 of the Revised Code, the county budget
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 commission may provide for the apportionment of the fund under
 an alternative method or on a formula basis as authorized by
 this section. The commissioner shall reduce or increase—the
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 amount of funds from the undivided local government fund to a

subdivision required to receive reduced or increased funds under 898 section 5747.502 of the Revised Code.

Except as otherwise provided in division (C) of this 900 section, the alternative method of apportionment shall have 901 first been approved by all of the following governmental units: 902 the board of county commissioners; the legislative authority of 903 the city, located wholly or partially in the county, with the 904 greatest population; and a majority of the boards of township 905 trustees and legislative authorities of municipal corporations, 906 907 located wholly or partially in the county, excluding the legislative authority of the city, located wholly or partially 908 in the county, with the greatest population. In granting or 909 denying approval for an alternative method of apportionment, the 910 board of county commissioners, boards of township trustees, and 911 legislative authorities of municipal corporations shall act by 912 motion. A motion to approve shall be passed upon a majority vote 913 of the members of a board of county commissioners, board of 914 township trustees, or legislative authority of a municipal 915 916 corporation, shall take effect immediately, and need not be published. 917

Any alternative method of apportionment adopted and 918 919 approved under this division may be revised, amended, or repealed in the same manner as it may be adopted and approved. 920 If an alternative method of apportionment adopted and approved 921 922 under this division is repealed, the undivided local government fund of the county shall be apportioned among the subdivisions 923 eligible to participate in the fund, commencing in the ensuing 924 calendar year, under the apportionment provided in section 925 5747.52 of the Revised Code, unless the repeal occurs by 926 operation of division (C) of this section or a new method for 927 apportionment of the fund is provided in the action of repeal. 928

(C) This division applies only in counties in which the 929 city, located wholly or partially in the county, with the 930 greatest population has a population of twenty thousand or less 931 and a population that is less than fifteen per cent of the total 932 population of the county. In such a county, the legislative 933 authorities or boards of township trustees of two or more 934 participating political subdivisions, which together have a 935 population residing in the county that is a majority of the 936 total population of the county, each may adopt a resolution to 937 exclude the approval otherwise required of the legislative 938 authority of the city, located wholly or partially in the 939 county, with the greatest population. All of the resolutions to 940 exclude that approval shall be adopted not later than the first 941 Monday of August of the year preceding the calendar year in 942 which distributions are to be made under an alternative method 943 of apportionment. 944

A motion granting or denying approval of an alternative 945 method of apportionment under this division shall be adopted by 946 a majority vote of the members of the board of county 947 commissioners and by a majority vote of a majority of the boards 948 of township trustees and legislative authorities of the 949 municipal corporations located wholly or partially in the 950 county, other than the city, located wholly or partially in the 951 county, with the greatest population, shall take effect 952 immediately, and need not be published. The alternative method 953 of apportionment under this division shall be adopted and 954 approved annually, not later than the first Monday of August of 955 the year preceding the calendar year in which distributions are 956 to be made under it. A motion granting approval of an 957 alternative method of apportionment under this division repeals 958 any existing alternative method of apportionment, effective with 959

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distributions to be made from the fund in the ensuing calendar year. An alternative method of apportionment under this division shall not be revised or amended after the first Monday of August of the year preceding the calendar year in which distributions are to be made under it.

- (D) In determining an alternative method of apportionment 965 authorized by this section, the county budget commission may 966 include in the method any factor considered to be appropriate 967 and reliable, in the sole discretion of the county budget 968 commission.
- (E) The limitations set forth in section 5747.51 of the Revised Code, stating the maximum amount that the county may receive from the undivided local government fund and the minimum amount the townships in counties having a population of less than one hundred thousand may receive from the fund, are applicable to any alternative method of apportionment authorized under this section.
- (F) On the basis of any alternative method of 977 apportionment adopted and approved as authorized by this 978 section, as certified by the auditor to the county treasurer, 979 the county treasurer shall make distribution of the money in the 980 undivided local government fund to each subdivision eligible to 981 participate in the fund, and the auditor, when the amount of 982 those shares is in the custody of the treasurer in the amounts 983 so computed to be due the respective subdivisions, shall at the 984 same time certify to the tax commissioner the percentage share 985 of the county as a subdivision. All money received into the 986 treasury of a subdivision from the undivided local government 987 fund in a county treasury shall be paid into the general fund 988 and used for the current operating expenses of the subdivision. 989

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If a municipal corporation maintains a municipal university, the	990
university, when the board of trustees so requests the	991
legislative authority of the municipal corporation, shall	992
participate in the money apportioned to the municipal	993
corporation from the total local government fund, however	994
created and constituted, in the amount requested by the board of	995
trustees, provided that amount does not exceed nine per cent of	996
the total amount paid to the municipal corporation.	997
(G) The actions of the county budget commission taken	998
pursuant to this section are final and may not be appealed to	999
the board of tax appeals, except on the issues of abuse of	1000
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Section 2. That existing sections 1901.18, 1901.20,	1002
1907.02, 1907.031, 4511.092, 4511.093, 4511.096, 4511.097,	1003
4511.098, 4511.0910, 5747.51, and 5747.53 and sections 4511.099,	1004
4511.0915, and 5747.502 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.	1005
Section 3. Section 5747.51 of the Revised Code is	1006
Section 3. Section 5/4/.51 of the Revised Code is	
presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended	1007
by both Sub. H.B. 166 and Sub. H.B. 390 of the 131st General	1008
Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in	1009
division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments	1010
are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous	1011

operation, finds that the composite is the resulting version of

the section in effect prior to the effective date of the section

as presented in this act.