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**A BILL**

To amend sections 349.03, 505.01, 505.04, 505.482, 1  
507.11, 513.07, 513.071, 517.30, 519.04, 519.07, 2  
519.12, 519.13, 519.15, 1509.07, 3375.121, 3  
3501.021, 3709.03, 5541.04, 5553.04, 5705.121, 4  
5705.19, 5709.73, and 5709.75 and to repeal 5  
sections 711.25, 711.26, and 711.27 of the 6  
Revised Code, to amend Sections 221.20 and 7  
361.10 of Am. Sub. H.B. 49 of the 132nd General 8  
Assembly and Section 221.10 of Am. Sub. H.B. 49 9  
of the 132nd General Assembly, as subsequently 10  
amended, to make various changes to township 11  
law, to make an appropriation for Pike County 12  
capital case litigation, and to make an 13  
appropriation for Death Benefit Fund 14  
beneficiaries. 15

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

**Section 1.** That sections 349.03, 505.01, 505.04, 505.482, 16  
507.11, 513.07, 513.071, 517.30, 519.04, 519.07, 519.12, 519.13, 17  
519.15, 1509.07, 3375.121, 3501.021, 3709.03, 5541.04, 5553.04, 18  
5705.121, 5705.19, 5709.73, and 5709.75 of the Revised Code be 19  
amended to read as follows: 20

**Sec. 349.03.** (A) Proceedings for the organization of a new 21  
community authority shall be initiated by a petition filed by 22  
the developer in the office of the clerk of the organizational 23  
board of commissioners. Such petition shall be signed by the 24  
developer and may be signed by each proximate city. The 25  
legislative authorities of each such proximate city shall act in 26  
behalf of such city. Such petition shall contain: 27

(1) The name of the proposed new community authority; 28

(2) The address where the principal office of the 29  
authority will be located or the manner in which the location 30  
will be selected; 31

(3) A map and a full and accurate description of the 32  
boundaries of the new community district together with a 33  
description of the properties within such boundaries, if any, 34  
which will not be included in the new community district. 35

The total acreage included in such district ~~shall not be~~ 36  
~~less than one thousand acres, all of which acreage shall be~~ 37  
owned by, or under the control through leases of at least 38  
seventy-five years' duration, options, or contracts to purchase, 39  
of the developer, if the developer is a private entity, unless 40  
one of the following applies: 41

(a) The district is wholly contained within municipal 42  
corporations. 43

(b) More than one-half of the proposed district is, at the 44

time of filing the petition under this section, contained within 45  
a joint economic development district created under sections 46  
715.70 to 715.83 of the Revised Code. 47

(4) A statement setting forth the zoning regulations 48  
proposed for zoning the area within the boundaries of the new 49  
community district for comprehensive development as a new 50  
community, and if the area has been zoned for such development, 51  
a certified copy of the applicable zoning regulations therefor; 52

(5) A current plan indicating the proposed development 53  
program for the new community district, the land acquisition and 54  
land development activities, community facilities, services 55  
proposed to be undertaken by the new community authority under 56  
such program, the proposed method of financing such activities 57  
and services, including a description of the bases, timing, and 58  
manner of collecting any proposed community development charges, 59  
and the projected total residential population of, and 60  
employment within, the new community; 61

(6) A suggested number of members, consistent with section 62  
349.04 of the Revised Code, for the board of trustees; 63

(7) A preliminary economic feasibility analysis, including 64  
the area development pattern and demand, location and proposed 65  
new community district size, present and future socio-economic 66  
conditions, public services provision, financial plan, and the 67  
developer's management capability; 68

(8) A statement that the development will comply with all 69  
applicable environmental laws and regulations. 70

Upon the filing of such petition, the organizational board 71  
of commissioners shall determine whether such petition complies 72  
with the requirements of this section as to form and substance. 73

The board in subsequent proceedings may at any time permit the petition to be amended in form and substance to conform to the facts by correcting any errors in the description of the proposed new community district or in any other particular.

Upon the determination of the organizational board of commissioners that a sufficient petition has been filed in accordance with this section, the board shall fix the time and place of a hearing on the petition for the establishment of the proposed new community authority. Such hearing shall be held not less than ninety-five nor more than one hundred fifteen days after the petition filing date, except that if the petition has been signed by all proximate cities or if the organizational board of commissioners is the legislative authority of the only proximate city for the proposed new community district, such hearing shall be held not less than thirty nor more than forty-five days after the petition filing date. The clerk of the organizational board of commissioners with which the petition was filed shall give notice thereof by publication once each week for three consecutive weeks, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, in a newspaper of general circulation in any county of which a portion is within the proposed new community district. Except where the organizational board of commissioners is the legislative authority of the only proximate city for the proposed new community district, such clerk shall also give written notice of the date, time, and place of the hearing and furnish a certified copy of the petition to the clerk of the legislative authority of each proximate city which has not signed such petition. Except where the organizational board of commissioners is the legislative authority of the only proximate city for the proposed new community district, in the event that the legislative authority of a proximate city which

did not sign the petition does not approve by ordinance, 105  
resolution, or motion the establishment of the proposed new 106  
community authority and does not deliver such ordinance, 107  
resolution, or motion to the clerk of the organizational board 108  
of commissioners with which the petition was filed within ninety 109  
days following the date of the first publication of the notice 110  
of the public hearing, the organizational board of commissioners 111  
shall cancel such public hearing and terminate the proceedings 112  
for the establishment of the new community authority. 113

Upon the hearing, if the organizational board of 114  
commissioners determines by resolution that the proposed new 115  
community district will be conducive to the public health, 116  
safety, convenience, and welfare, and is intended to result in 117  
the development of a new community, the board shall by its 118  
resolution, declare the new community authority to be organized 119  
and a body politic and corporate with the corporate name 120  
designated in the resolution, and define the boundary of the new 121  
community district. In addition, the resolution shall provide 122  
the method of selecting the board of trustees of the new 123  
community authority and fix the surety for their bonds in 124  
accordance with section 349.04 of the Revised Code. 125

If the organizational board of commissioners finds that 126  
the establishment of the district will not be conducive to the 127  
public health, safety, convenience, or welfare, or is not 128  
intended to result in the development of a new community, it 129  
shall reject the petition thereby terminating the proceedings 130  
for the establishment of the new community authority. 131

(B) At any time after the creation of a new community 132  
authority, the developer may file an application with the clerk 133  
of the organizational board of commissioners with which the 134

original petition was filed, setting forth a general description 135  
of territory it desires to add or to delete from such district, 136  
that such change will be conducive to the public health, safety, 137  
convenience, and welfare, and will be consistent with the 138  
development of a new community and will not jeopardize the plan 139  
of the new community. If the developer is not a municipal 140  
corporation, port authority, or county, all of such an addition 141  
to such a district shall be owned by, or under the control 142  
through leases of at least seventy-five years' duration, 143  
options, or contracts to purchase, of the developer. Upon the 144  
filing of the application, the organizational board of 145  
commissioners shall follow the same procedure as required by 146  
this section in relation to the petition for the establishment 147  
of the proposed new community. 148

(C) If all or any part of the new community district is 149  
annexed to one or more existing municipal corporations, their 150  
legislative authorities may appoint persons to replace any 151  
appointed citizen member of the board of trustees. The number of 152  
such trustees to be replaced by the municipal corporation shall 153  
be the number, rounded to the lowest integer, bearing the 154  
proportionate relationship to the number of existing appointed 155  
citizen members as the acreage of the new community district 156  
within such municipal corporation bears to the total acreage of 157  
the new community district. If any such municipal corporation 158  
chooses to replace an appointed citizen member, it shall do so 159  
by ordinance, the term of the trustee being replaced shall 160  
terminate thirty days from the date of passage of such 161  
ordinance, and the trustee to be replaced shall be determined by 162  
lot. Each newly appointed member shall assume the term of the 163  
member's predecessor. 164

**Sec. 505.01.** In each township there shall be a board of 165

township trustees consisting of three members. Two of such 166  
trustees shall be elected at the general election in nineteen 167  
forty-nine and quadrennially thereafter, in each township, who 168  
shall hold office for a term of four years, commencing on the 169  
first day of January next after their election. The third 170  
trustee shall be elected at the general election in nineteen 171  
fifty-one and quadrennially thereafter, in each township, who 172  
shall hold office for a term of four years, commencing on the 173  
first day of January next after ~~his~~ the person's election. 174

At the first meeting of the board each calender year, the 175  
board shall select one of its members to serve as chairperson 176  
for a term of one year. If the position of chairperson becomes 177  
vacant, the board shall select one of its members to preside. 178

**Sec. 505.04.** The board of township trustees shall make an 179  
inventory on the second Monday of January, each year, of all the 180  
materials, machinery, tools, and other township supplies in its 181  
possession. The inventory shall be a public record and ~~shall be~~ 182  
~~made in duplicate, one copy of which shall be filed with the~~ 183  
~~fiscal officer of the board and one copy with the county~~ 184  
~~engineer~~ township. 185

**Sec. 505.482.** (A) The boards of township trustees of any 186  
two or more contiguous townships, or the boards of township 187  
trustees of one or more contiguous townships and the legislative 188  
authorities of one or more contiguous municipal corporations, 189  
whether or not within the same county, by adoption of a joint 190  
resolution by a majority favorable vote of each such board and 191  
of the members of the legislative authority of each such 192  
municipal corporation, may form themselves into a joint police 193  
district comprising all or any part of the townships or 194  
municipal corporations as are mutually agreed upon. The 195

governing body of the joint police district shall be a joint 196  
police district board, which shall include either all of the 197  
township trustees of each township and all of the members of the 198  
legislative authority of each municipal corporation in the 199  
district, as agreed to and established in the joint resolution 200  
creating the joint police district; or an odd number of members 201  
as agreed to and established in the joint resolution, as long as 202  
the members are representatives from each board of township 203  
trustees of each township and from the legislative authority of 204  
each municipal corporation in the joint police district. 205

(B) The joint police district board shall organize within 206  
thirty days after the favorable vote by the last board of 207  
township trustees or the members of the legislative authority of 208  
the last municipal corporation joining itself into the joint 209  
police district board. The ~~president~~chairperson of the board of 210  
township trustees of the most populous participating township or 211  
the legislative authority of the most populous participating 212  
municipal corporation shall give notice of the time and place of 213  
organization to each pending member of the joint police district 214  
board, as established in the joint resolution. Such notice shall 215  
be signed and shall be sent by certified mail to each such 216  
pending member of the board at least five days prior to the 217  
organization meeting, which meeting shall be held in one of the 218  
participating townships or municipal corporations. Two-thirds of 219  
the joint police district board members constitutes a quorum. 220  
The members of the joint police district board shall, at the 221  
organization meeting, proceed with the election of a president, 222  
a secretary, and a treasurer, and such other officers as they 223  
consider necessary and proper, and shall transact such other 224  
business as properly comes before the board. 225

(C) In the formation of a joint police district, such 226



action may be taken by or on behalf of part of a township, by 227  
excluding that portion of the township lying within a municipal 228  
corporation. The joint police district board may exercise the 229  
same powers as are granted to a board of township trustees in 230  
the operation of a township police district under sections 231  
505.49 to 505.55 of the Revised Code, including, but not limited 232  
to, the power to employ, train, and discipline personnel, to 233  
acquire equipment and buildings, to levy a tax, to issue bonds 234  
and notes, and to dissolve the district. 235

**Sec. 507.11.** (A) The board of township trustees may 236  
authorize, by resolution, township officers and employees to 237  
incur obligations of ~~two ten~~ thousand ~~five hundred~~ dollars or 238  
less on behalf of the township, or it may authorize, by 239  
resolution, the township administrator to so authorize township 240  
officers and employees. The obligations incurred on behalf of 241  
the township by a township officer or employee acting pursuant 242  
to any such resolution shall be subsequently approved by the 243  
adoption of a formal resolution of the board of township 244  
trustees. 245

(B) (1) No money belonging to the township shall be paid 246  
out, except upon an order signed by at least two of the township 247  
trustees, and countersigned by the township fiscal officer. 248

(2) As provided in division (E) of section 9.37 of the 249  
Revised Code, and notwithstanding division (B) (1) of this 250  
section, a board of township trustees may adopt a resolution 251  
authorizing the payment of lawful obligations of the township by 252  
direct deposit of funds by electronic transfer in accordance 253  
with section 9.37 of the Revised Code. 254

**Sec. 513.07.** The boards of township trustees of any two or 255  
more contiguous townships, whether or not within the same 256

county, may, by a two-thirds favorable vote of each such board, 257  
form themselves into a joint township district hospital board 258  
for the purpose of establishing, constructing, and maintaining a 259  
joint township district general hospital or other hospital 260  
facilities as defined in section 140.01 of the Revised Code, and 261  
such townships shall be a part of a joint township hospital 262  
district. 263

Such joint township district hospital board shall organize 264  
within thirty days after the favorable vote by the last board of 265  
trustees joining itself into the joint township district 266  
hospital board. The ~~president~~ chairperson of the board of 267  
township trustees of the most populous township participating 268  
shall give notice of the time and place of organization to each 269  
member of the board of township trustees of each township 270  
comprising the district. Such notice shall be signed by the 271  
~~president~~ chairperson of the board of township trustees of the 272  
most populous township comprising the district, and shall be 273  
sent by registered mail to each member of the board of township 274  
trustees of the townships affected, at least five days prior to 275  
such organization meeting, which meeting shall be held in one of 276  
the participating townships. All members of the board of 277  
township trustees of the townships so participating shall 278  
comprise the joint township district hospital board. Two-thirds 279  
of all the township trustees of the townships constituting such 280  
district constitutes a quorum. Such members of the boards of 281  
township trustees shall, at the organization meeting of such 282  
joint township district hospital board, proceed with the 283  
election of a president, a secretary, and a treasurer, and such 284  
other officers as they deem proper and necessary, and shall 285  
transact such other business as properly comes before such 286  
board. 287

In the formation of such a hospital district, such action 288  
may be taken by or on behalf of part of a township, by excluding 289  
that portion of the township lying within a municipal 290  
corporation. 291

**Sec. 513.071.** A municipal corporation which is not at the 292  
time part of a joint township hospital district may, by a two- 293  
thirds favorable vote of its legislative authority, participate 294  
in the formation of a joint township district hospital board 295  
pursuant to section 513.07 of the Revised Code if it is 296  
contiguous to another municipal corporation contemplated to be 297  
included in the district, or contiguous to, or partly but not 298  
wholly within, a township contemplated to be included in the 299  
district, or may become a part of an established joint township 300  
hospital district pursuant to sections 513.11 and 513.18 of the 301  
Revised Code if it is contiguous to the district, or to a 302  
township or municipal corporation contiguous to the district 303  
which will at the same time become part of such district. So 304  
long as such municipal corporation remains a part of such 305  
district, it may not be included, as part of a township, in 306  
another joint township hospital district, but the remainder of 307  
such township may become part of a joint township hospital 308  
district pursuant to section 513.07, 513.11, or 513.18 of the 309  
Revised Code. Each such municipal corporation shall be 310  
represented on the joint township district hospital board by the 311  
presiding officer of its legislative authority, who shall act as 312  
~~president~~ chairperson of a board of township trustees for the 313  
purposes of section 513.07 of the Revised Code, and by two 314  
members of such legislative authority to be appointed from time 315  
to time by the legislative authority and to serve for such term 316  
or terms as it prescribes. For the purpose of such 317  
representation such presiding officer and members shall be 318

considered as a board of township trustees; but for all other 319  
purposes of sections 513.07 to 513.18, inclusive, of the Revised 320  
Code, the legislative authority shall be considered as the board 321  
of township trustees and shall perform the duties imposed on 322  
that board by such sections. 323

Any indebtedness incurred by a joint township hospital 324  
district shall not constitute an indebtedness of any municipal 325  
corporation or any township. 326

Where a municipal corporation as a part of a township is 327  
territorially a part of a joint township hospital district and 328  
thereafter its corporate limits are made identical with those of 329  
a township, such municipal corporation shall as a township 330  
remain a part of such joint township hospital district and shall 331  
be bound by all agreements or obligations theretofore or 332  
thereafter entered into or assumed, and the taxable property 333  
therein shall be subject to all tax levies, including tax levies 334  
for bonds of the joint township hospital district, theretofore 335  
or thereafter imposed by the district pursuant to sections 336  
513.07 to 513.18, inclusive, of the Revised Code. Such municipal 337  
corporation shall be entitled, as a new and separate township, 338  
to representation on the joint township district hospital board 339  
in the same manner as is provided in this section when a joint 340  
township district hospital board in the same manner as is 341  
provided in this section when a joint township hospital district 342  
is formed. 343

**Sec. 517.30.** A board of township trustees may erect a 344  
suitable monument to commemorate the members of the armed forces 345  
who died in the service of the United States or of this state. 346  
The board, by a majority vote, may appropriate and expend not 347  
more than ~~five~~fifty thousand dollars from township funds for 348

the purpose of erecting the monument, according to plans and 349  
specifications furnished or approved by the board. 350

**Sec. 519.04.** (A) The board of township trustees of any 351  
township proceeding under sections 519.01 to 519.99 of the 352  
Revised Code, shall create and establish a township zoning 353  
commission. The commission shall be composed of five members who 354  
reside in the unincorporated area of the township, to be 355  
appointed by the board. The board of township trustees may 356  
appoint two alternate members to the township zoning commission, 357  
for terms to be determined by the board of township trustees. An 358  
alternate member shall take the place of an absent regular 359  
member at any meeting of the township zoning commission, 360  
according to procedures prescribed by resolution by the board of 361  
township trustees. An alternate member shall meet the same 362  
appointment criteria as a regular member. When attending a 363  
meeting on behalf of an absent member, the alternate member may 364  
vote on any matter on which the absent member is authorized to 365  
vote. The terms of the regular members shall be of such length 366  
and so arranged that the term of one member will expire each 367  
year. Where there is a county or regional planning commission 368  
the board may appoint qualified members of such commission to 369  
serve on the township zoning commission. Each regular or 370  
alternate member shall serve until the member's successor is 371  
appointed and qualified. 372

(B) Members of the zoning commission shall be removable 373  
for nonperformance of duty, misconduct in office, or other cause 374  
by the board, upon written charges being filed with the board, 375  
after a public hearing has been held regarding ~~such the~~ charges, 376  
and after a copy of the charges has been served upon the member 377  
so charged at least ten days ~~prior to~~ before the hearing, either 378  
personally, by registered mail, or by leaving ~~such the~~ copy at 379

the member's usual place of residence. The hearing shall occur 380  
within sixty days after the charges are filed. The member shall 381  
be given an opportunity to be heard and answer ~~such the~~ charges. 382  
Upon the approval of a majority of the board of township 383  
trustees, the member may be suspended from participating as a 384  
member of the zoning commission during the period of up to sixty 385  
days before the pending hearing on the removal. Vacancies shall 386  
be filled by the board and shall be for the unexpired term. A 387  
suspension authorized by this section is not a vacancy for 388  
purposes of this section. 389

(C) The decision of the board of township trustees 390  
regarding the suspension or removal may be appealed under 391  
Chapter 2506. of the Revised Code. 392

**Sec. 519.07.** ~~Following~~ (A) Except as provided in division 393  
(B) of this section, following the hearing provided for in 394  
section 519.06 of the Revised Code the township zoning 395  
commission shall submit the proposed zoning resolution, 396  
including text and maps, to the county or regional planning 397  
commission of the county or district in which the township is 398  
located, if there is such a commission, for approval, 399  
disapproval, or suggestions. 400

The approval of the planning commission shall be 401  
conclusively presumed unless, within twenty days after receiving 402  
the proposed zoning resolution, it notifies the zoning 403  
commission to the contrary. 404

In the event the planning commission disapproves of the 405  
proposed zoning resolution or suggests any material change, the 406  
zoning commission shall hold a public hearing on the resolution, 407  
due notice of which shall be given as provided in section 519.06 408  
of the Revised Code. ~~When~~ 409

When the zoning commission has completed its 410  
recommendations for a zoning plan it shall certify the plan to 411  
the board of township trustees. 412

(B) The township zoning commission of a township that has 413  
adopted a limited home rule government under Chapter 504. of the 414  
Revised Code is not subject to division (A) of this section but 415  
may choose to comply with division (A) of this section. 416

**Sec. 519.12.** (A) (1) Amendments to the zoning resolution 417  
may be initiated by motion of the township zoning commission, by 418  
the passage of a resolution by the board of township trustees, 419  
or by the filing of an application by one or more of the owners 420  
or lessees of property within the area proposed to be changed or 421  
affected by the proposed amendment with the township zoning 422  
commission. The board of township trustees may require that the 423  
owner or lessee of property filing an application to amend the 424  
zoning resolution pay a fee to defray the cost of advertising, 425  
mailing, filing with the county recorder, and other expenses. If 426  
the board of township trustees requires such a fee, it shall be 427  
required generally, for each application. The board of township 428  
trustees, upon the passage of such a resolution, shall certify 429  
it to the township zoning commission. 430

(2) Upon the adoption of a motion by the township zoning 431  
commission, the certification of a resolution by the board of 432  
township trustees to the commission, or the filing of an 433  
application by property owners or lessees as described in 434  
division (A) (1) of this section with the commission, the 435  
commission shall set a date for a public hearing, which date 436  
shall not be less than twenty nor more than forty days from the 437  
date of the certification of such a resolution, the date of 438  
adoption of such a motion, or the date of the filing of such an 439

application. Notice of the hearing shall be given by the 440  
commission by one publication in one or more newspapers of 441  
general circulation in the township at least ten days before the 442  
date of the hearing. 443

(B) If the proposed amendment intends to rezone or 444  
redistrict ten or fewer parcels of land, as listed on the county 445  
auditor's current tax list, written notice of the hearing shall 446  
be mailed by the township zoning commission, by first class 447  
mail, at least ten days before the date of the public hearing to 448  
all owners of property within and contiguous to and directly 449  
across the street from the area proposed to be rezoned or 450  
redistricted to the addresses of those owners appearing on the 451  
county auditor's current tax list. The failure of delivery of 452  
that notice shall not invalidate any such amendment. 453

(C) If the proposed amendment intends to rezone or 454  
redistrict ten or fewer parcels of land as listed on the county 455  
auditor's current tax list, the published and mailed notices 456  
shall set forth the time, date, and place of the public hearing 457  
and include all of the following: 458

(1) The name of the township zoning commission that will 459  
be conducting the hearing; 460

(2) A statement indicating that the motion, resolution, or 461  
application is an amendment to the zoning resolution; 462

(3) A list of the addresses of all properties to be 463  
rezoned or redistricted by the proposed amendment and of the 464  
names of owners of those properties, as they appear on the 465  
county auditor's current tax list; 466

(4) The present zoning classification of property named in 467  
the proposed amendment and the proposed zoning classification of 468



that property;	469
(5) The time and place where the motion, resolution, or application proposing to amend the zoning resolution will be available for examination for a period of at least ten days prior to the hearing;	470 471 472 473
(6) The name of the person responsible for giving notice of the hearing by publication, by mail, or by both publication and mail;	474 475 476
(7) A statement that, after the conclusion of the hearing, the matter will be submitted to the board of township trustees for its action;	477 478 479
(8) Any other information requested by the commission.	480
(D) If the proposed amendment alters the text of the zoning resolution, or rezones or redistricts more than ten parcels of land as listed on the county auditor's current tax list, the published notice shall set forth the time, date, and place of the public hearing and include all of the following:	481 482 483 484 485
(1) The name of the township zoning commission that will be conducting the hearing on the proposed amendment;	486 487
(2) A statement indicating that the motion, application, or resolution is an amendment to the zoning resolution;	488 489
(3) The time and place where the text and maps of the proposed amendment will be available for examination for a period of at least ten days prior to the hearing;	490 491 492
(4) The name of the person responsible for giving notice of the hearing by publication;	493 494
(5) A statement that, after the conclusion of the hearing,	495

the matter will be submitted to the board of township trustees 496  
for its action; 497

(6) Any other information requested by the commission. 498

(E) Within (1) (a) Except as provided in division (E) (1) (b) 499  
of this section, within five days after the adoption of the 500  
motion described in division (A) of this section, the 501  
certification of the resolution described in division (A) of 502  
this section, or the filing of the application described in 503  
division (A) of this section, the township zoning commission 504  
shall transmit a copy of it together with text and map 505  
pertaining to it to the county or regional planning commission, 506  
if there is such a commission, for approval, disapproval, or 507  
suggestions. 508

The county or regional planning commission shall recommend 509  
the approval or denial of the proposed amendment or the approval 510  
of some modification of it and shall submit its recommendation 511  
to the township zoning commission. The recommendation shall be 512  
considered at the public hearing held by the township zoning 513  
commission on the proposed amendment. 514

(b) The township zoning commission of a township that has 515  
adopted a limited home rule government under Chapter 504. of the 516  
Revised Code is not subject to division (E) (1) (a) of this 517  
section but may choose to comply with division (E) (1) (a) of this 518  
section. 519

(2) The township zoning commission, within thirty days 520  
after the hearing, shall recommend the approval or denial of the 521  
proposed amendment, or the approval of some modification of it, 522  
and submit that recommendation together with the motion, 523  
application, or resolution involved, the text and map pertaining 524

to the proposed amendment, and the recommendation of the county 525  
or regional planning commission on it to the board of township 526  
trustees. 527

(3) The board of township trustees, upon receipt of that 528  
recommendation, shall set a time for a public hearing on the 529  
proposed amendment, which date shall not be more than thirty 530  
days from the date of the receipt of that recommendation. Notice 531  
of the hearing shall be given by the board by one publication in 532  
one or more newspapers of general circulation in the township, 533  
at least ten days before the date of the hearing. 534

(F) If the proposed amendment intends to rezone or 535  
redistrict ten or fewer parcels of land as listed on the county 536  
auditor's current tax list, the published notice shall set forth 537  
the time, date, and place of the public hearing and include all 538  
of the following: 539

(1) The name of the board of township trustees that will 540  
be conducting the hearing; 541

(2) A statement indicating that the motion, application, 542  
or resolution is an amendment to the zoning resolution; 543

(3) A list of the addresses of all properties to be 544  
rezoned or redistricted by the proposed amendment and of the 545  
names of owners of those properties, as they appear on the 546  
county auditor's current tax list; 547

(4) The present zoning classification of property named in 548  
the proposed amendment and the proposed zoning classification of 549  
that property; 550

(5) The time and place where the motion, application, or 551  
resolution proposing to amend the zoning resolution will be 552  
available for examination for a period of at least ten days 553

prior to the hearing;	554
(6) The name of the person responsible for giving notice	555
of the hearing by publication, by mail, or by both publication	556
and mail;	557
(7) Any other information requested by the board.	558
(G) If the proposed amendment alters the text of the	559
zoning resolution, or rezones or redistricts more than ten	560
parcels of land as listed on the county auditor's current tax	561
list, the published notice shall set forth the time, date, and	562
place of the public hearing and include all of the following:	563
(1) The name of the board of township trustees that will	564
be conducting the hearing on the proposed amendment;	565
(2) A statement indicating that the motion, application,	566
or resolution is an amendment to the zoning resolution;	567
(3) The time and place where the text and maps of the	568
proposed amendment will be available for examination for a	569
period of at least ten days prior to the hearing;	570
(4) The name of the person responsible for giving notice	571
of the hearing by publication;	572
(5) Any other information requested by the board.	573
(H) Within twenty days after its public hearing, the board	574
of township trustees shall either adopt or deny the	575
recommendations of the township zoning commission or adopt some	576
modification of them. If the board denies or modifies the	577
commission's recommendations, a majority vote of the board shall	578
be required.	579
The proposed amendment, if adopted by the board, shall	580

become effective in thirty days after the date of its adoption, 581  
unless, within thirty days after the adoption, there is 582  
presented to the board of township trustees a petition, signed 583  
by a number of registered electors residing in the 584  
unincorporated area of the township or part of that 585  
unincorporated area included in the zoning plan equal to not 586  
less than eight per cent of the total vote cast for all 587  
candidates for governor in that area at the most recent general 588  
election at which a governor was elected, requesting the board 589  
of township trustees to submit the amendment to the electors of 590  
that area for approval or rejection at a special election to be 591  
held on the day of the next primary or general election that 592  
occurs at least ninety days after the petition is filed. Each 593  
part of this petition shall contain the number and the full and 594  
correct title, if any, of the zoning amendment resolution, 595  
motion, or application, furnishing the name by which the 596  
amendment is known and a brief summary of its contents. In 597  
addition to meeting the requirements of this section, each 598  
petition shall be governed by the rules specified in section 599  
3501.38 of the Revised Code. 600

The form of a petition calling for a zoning referendum and 601  
the statement of the circulator shall be substantially as 602  
follows: 603

"PETITION FOR ZONING REFERENDUM 604

(if the proposal is identified by a particular name or number, 605  
or both, these should be inserted here) ..... 606

A proposal to amend the zoning map of the unincorporated 607  
area of ..... Township, ..... County, Ohio, 608  
adopted .....(date)..... (followed by brief summary of the 609  
proposal). 610

To the Board of Township Trustees of ..... 611  
Township, ..... County, Ohio: 612  
613

We, the undersigned, being electors residing in the 614  
unincorporated area of ..... Township, 615  
included within the ..... Township Zoning Plan, equal to 616  
not less than eight per cent of the total vote cast for all 617  
candidates for governor in the area at the preceding general 618  
election at which a governor was elected, request the Board of 619  
Township Trustees to submit this amendment of the zoning 620  
resolution to the electors of ..... Township 621  
residing within the unincorporated area of the township included 622  
in the ..... Township Zoning Resolution, for 623  
approval or rejection at a special election to be held on the 624  
day of the primary or general election to be held on ..... 625  
(date)....., pursuant to section 519.12 of the Revised Code. 626

Street Address	Date of	627
Signature or R.F.D. Township Precinct County	Signing	628
.....		629
.....		630

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR 631

I, .....(name of circulator)....., declare under 632  
penalty of election falsification that I am an elector of the 633  
state of Ohio and reside at the address appearing below my 634  
signature; that I am the circulator of the foregoing part 635  
petition containing .....(number)..... signatures; that I 636  
have witnessed the affixing of every signature; that all signers 637  
were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign; 638  
and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and 639

belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports 640  
to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 641  
3501.382 of the Revised Code. 642

..... 643

(Signature of circulator) 644

..... 645

(Address of circulator's permanent 646

residence in this state) 647

..... 648

(City, village, or township, 649

and zip code) 650

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A 651

FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE." 652

The petition shall be filed with the board of township 653

trustees and shall be accompanied by an appropriate map of the 654

area affected by the zoning proposal. Within two weeks after 655

receiving a petition filed under this section, the board of 656

township trustees shall certify the petition to the board of 657

elections. A petition filed under this section shall be 658

certified to the board of elections not less than ninety days 659

prior to the election at which the question is to be voted upon. 660

The board of elections shall determine the sufficiency and 661

validity of each petition certified to it by a board of township 662

trustees under this section. If the board of elections 663

determines that a petition is sufficient and valid, the question 664

shall be voted upon at a special election to be held on the day 665

of the next primary or general election that occurs at least 666

ninety days after the date the petition is filed with the board 667  
of township trustees, regardless of whether any election will be 668  
held to nominate or elect candidates on that day. 669

No amendment for which such a referendum vote has been 670  
requested shall be put into effect unless a majority of the vote 671  
cast on the issue is in favor of the amendment. Upon 672  
certification by the board of elections that the amendment has 673  
been approved by the voters, it shall take immediate effect. 674

Within five working days after an amendment's effective 675  
date, the board of township trustees shall file the text and 676  
maps of the amendment in the office of the county recorder and 677  
with the county or regional planning commission, if one exists. 678

The failure to file any amendment, or any text and maps, 679  
or duplicates of any of these documents, with the office of the 680  
county recorder or the county or regional planning commission as 681  
required by this section does not invalidate the amendment and 682  
is not grounds for an appeal of any decision of the board of 683  
zoning appeals. 684

**Sec. 519.13. (A)** In any township which adopts zoning 685  
regulations the board of township trustees shall appoint a 686  
township board of zoning appeals composed of five members who 687  
shall be residents of the unincorporated territory in the 688  
township included in the area zoned. The board of township 689  
trustees may appoint two alternate members to the township board 690  
of zoning appeals, for terms to be determined by the board of 691  
township trustees. An alternate member shall take the place of 692  
an absent regular member at any meeting of the board of zoning 693  
appeals, according to procedures prescribed by resolution by the 694  
board of township trustees. An alternate member shall meet the 695  
same appointment criteria as a regular member. When attending a 696



meeting on behalf of an absent member, the alternate member may 697  
vote on any matter on which the absent member is authorized to 698  
vote. The terms of all regular members shall be of such length 699  
and so arranged that the term of one member will expire each 700  
year. Each regular or alternate member shall serve until the 701  
member's successor is appointed and qualified. 702

(B) Members shall be removable for the same causes and in 703  
the same manner and may be suspended as provided by section 704  
519.04 of the Revised Code. The decision of the board of 705  
township trustees regarding the suspension or removal may be 706  
appealed under Chapter 2506. of the Revised Code. Vacancies 707  
shall be filled by the board of township trustees and shall be 708  
for the unexpired term. A suspension authorized by section 709  
519.04 of the Revised Code is not a vacancy for purposes of this 710  
section. The members may be allowed their expenses, or such 711  
compensation, or both, as the board of township trustees may 712  
approve and provide. 713

(C) The board of zoning appeals may, within the limits of 714  
the moneys appropriated by the board of township trustees for 715  
the purpose, employ such executive, professional, technical, and 716  
other assistants as it considers necessary. 717

**Sec. 519.15.** The township board of zoning appeals shall 718  
organize and adopt rules in accordance with the zoning 719  
resolution. Meetings of the board of zoning appeals shall be 720  
held at the call of the chairperson, and at such other times as 721  
the board determines. The chairperson, or in the chairperson's 722  
absence the acting chairperson, may administer oaths, and the 723  
board of zoning appeals may compel the attendance of witnesses. 724  
All meetings of the board of zoning appeals shall be open to the 725  
public. The board of zoning appeals shall keep minutes of its 726

proceedings showing the vote of each regular or alternate member 727  
upon each question, or, if absent or failing to vote, indicating 728  
such fact, and shall keep records of its examinations and other 729  
official actions, all of which shall be immediately filed in the 730  
office of the board of township trustees and be a public record. 731

Appeals to the board of zoning appeals may be taken by any 732  
person aggrieved or by any officer of the township affected by 733  
any decision of the administrative officer. Such appeal shall be 734  
taken within twenty days after the decision by filing, with the 735  
officer from whom the appeal is taken and with the board of 736  
zoning appeals, a notice of appeal specifying the grounds. The 737  
officer from whom the appeal is taken shall transmit to the 738  
board of zoning appeals all the papers constituting the record 739  
upon which the action appealed from was taken. 740

The board of zoning appeals shall fix a reasonable time 741  
for the public hearing of the appeal, give at least ten days' 742  
notice in writing to the parties in interest, give notice of 743  
such public hearing by one publication in one or more newspapers 744  
of general circulation in the county at least ten days before 745  
the date of such hearing, and decide the appeal within a 746  
reasonable time after it is submitted. Upon the hearing, any 747  
person may appear in person or by attorney. 748

The board of township trustees may require a person making 749  
an appeal to pay a fee to defray the cost of advertising, 750  
mailing, and other expenses. 751

**Sec. 1509.07.** (A) (1) (a) Except as provided in division (A) 752  
(1) (b) or (A) (2) of this section, an owner of any well, except 753  
an exempt Mississippian well or an exempt domestic well, shall 754  
obtain liability insurance coverage from a company authorized or 755  
approved to do business in this state in an amount of not less 756

than one million dollars bodily injury coverage and property 757  
damage coverage to pay damages for injury to persons or damage 758  
to property caused by the drilling, operation, or plugging of 759  
all the owner's wells in this state. However, if any well is 760  
located within an urbanized area, the owner shall obtain 761  
liability insurance coverage in an amount of not less than three 762  
million dollars for bodily injury coverage and property damage 763  
coverage to pay damages for injury to persons or damage to 764  
property caused by the drilling, operation, or plugging of all 765  
of the owner's wells in this state. 766

(b) A board of county commissioners of a county that is an 767  
owner of a well or a board of township trustees of a township 768  
that is an owner of a well may elect to satisfy the liability 769  
coverage requirements specified in division (A) (1) (a) of this 770  
section by participating in a joint self-insurance pool in 771  
accordance with the requirements established under section 772  
2744.081 of the Revised Code. Nothing in division (A) (1) (b) of 773  
this section shall be construed to allow an entity, other than a 774  
county or township, to participate in a joint self-insurance 775  
pool to satisfy the liability coverage requirements specified in 776  
division (A) (1) (a) of this section. 777

(2) An owner of a horizontal well shall obtain liability 778  
insurance coverage from an insurer authorized to write such 779  
insurance in this state or from an insurer approved to write 780  
such insurance in this state under section 3905.33 of the 781  
Revised Code in an amount of not less than five million dollars 782  
bodily injury coverage and property damage coverage to pay 783  
damages for injury to persons or damage to property caused by 784  
the production operations of all the owner's wells in this 785  
state. The insurance policy shall include a reasonable level of 786  
coverage available for an environmental endorsement. 787

(3) An owner shall maintain the coverage required under 788  
division (A) (1) or (2) of this section until all the owner's 789  
wells are plugged and abandoned or are transferred to an owner 790  
who has obtained insurance as required under this section and 791  
who is not under a notice of material and substantial violation 792  
or under a suspension order. The owner shall provide proof of 793  
liability insurance coverage to the chief of the division of oil 794  
and gas resources management upon request. Upon failure of the 795  
owner to provide that proof when requested, the chief may order 796  
the suspension of any outstanding permits and operations of the 797  
owner until the owner provides proof of the required insurance 798  
coverage. 799

(B) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, an 800  
owner of any well, before being issued a permit under section 801  
1509.06 of the Revised Code or before operating or producing 802  
from a well, shall execute and file with the division of oil and 803  
gas resources management a surety bond conditioned on compliance 804  
with the restoration requirements of section 1509.072, the 805  
plugging requirements of section 1509.12, the permit provisions 806  
of section 1509.13 of the Revised Code, and all rules and orders 807  
of the chief relating thereto, in an amount set by rule of the 808  
chief. 809

(2) The owner may deposit with the chief, instead of a 810  
surety bond, cash in an amount equal to the surety bond as 811  
prescribed pursuant to this section or negotiable certificates 812  
of deposit or irrevocable letters of credit, issued by any bank 813  
organized or transacting business in this state, having a cash 814  
value equal to or greater than the amount of the surety bond as 815  
prescribed pursuant to this section. Cash or certificates of 816  
deposit shall be deposited upon the same terms as those upon 817  
which surety bonds may be deposited. If certificates of deposit 818

are deposited with the chief instead of a surety bond, the chief 819  
shall require the bank that issued any such certificate to 820  
pledge securities of a cash value equal to the amount of the 821  
certificate that is in excess of the amount insured by any of 822  
the agencies and instrumentalities created under the "Federal 823  
Deposit Insurance Act," 64 Stat. 873 (1950), 12 U.S.C. 1811, as 824  
amended, and regulations adopted under it, including at least 825  
the federal deposit insurance corporation. The securities shall 826  
be security for the repayment of the certificate of deposit. 827

Immediately upon a deposit of cash, certificates of 828  
deposit, or letters of credit with the chief, the chief shall 829  
deliver them to the treasurer of state who shall hold them in 830  
trust for the purposes for which they have been deposited. 831

(3) Instead of a surety bond, the chief may accept proof 832  
of financial responsibility consisting of a sworn financial 833  
statement showing a net financial worth within this state equal 834  
to twice the amount of the bond for which it substitutes and, as 835  
may be required by the chief, a list of producing properties of 836  
the owner within this state or other evidence showing ability 837  
and intent to comply with the law and rules concerning 838  
restoration and plugging that may be required by rule of the 839  
chief. The owner of an exempt Mississippian well is not required 840  
to file scheduled updates of the financial documents, but shall 841  
file updates of those documents if requested to do so by the 842  
chief. The owner of a nonexempt Mississippian well shall file 843  
updates of the financial documents in accordance with a schedule 844  
established by rule of the chief. The chief, upon determining 845  
that an owner for whom the chief has accepted proof of financial 846  
responsibility instead of bond cannot demonstrate financial 847  
responsibility, shall order that the owner execute and file a 848  
bond or deposit cash, certificates of deposit, or irrevocable 849

letters of credit as required by this section for the wells 850  
specified in the order within ten days of receipt of the order. 851  
If the order is not complied with, all wells of the owner that 852  
are specified in the order and for which no bond is filed or 853  
cash, certificates of deposit, or letters of credit are 854  
deposited shall be plugged. No owner shall fail or refuse to 855  
plug such a well. Each day on which such a well remains 856  
unplugged thereafter constitutes a separate offense. 857

(4) The surety bond provided for in this section shall be 858  
executed by a surety company authorized to do business in this 859  
state. 860

The chief shall not approve any bond until it is 861  
personally signed and acknowledged by both principal and surety, 862  
or as to either by the principal's or surety's attorney in fact, 863  
with a certified copy of the power of attorney attached thereto. 864  
The chief shall not approve a bond unless there is attached a 865  
certificate of the superintendent of insurance that the company 866  
is authorized to transact a fidelity and surety business in this 867  
state. 868

All bonds shall be given in a form to be prescribed by the 869  
chief and shall run to the state as obligee. 870

(5) An owner of an exempt Mississippian well or an exempt 871  
domestic well, in lieu of filing a surety bond, cash in an 872  
amount equal to the surety bond, certificates of deposit, 873  
irrevocable letters of credit, or a sworn financial statement, 874  
may file a one-time fee of fifty dollars, which shall be 875  
deposited in the oil and gas well plugging fund created in 876  
section 1509.071 of the Revised Code. 877

(C) An owner, operator, producer, or other person shall 878

not operate a well or produce from a well at any time if the 879  
owner, operator, producer, or other person has not satisfied the 880  
requirements established in this section. 881

**Sec. 3375.121.** (A) In any municipal corporation, not 882  
located in a county library district, that has a population of 883  
not less than twenty-five thousand, and within which there is 884  
not located a main library of a township, municipal, school 885  
district, association, or county free public library, a library 886  
district may be created by a resolution adopted by the 887  
legislative authority of that municipal corporation. No such 888  
resolution shall be adopted after one year from June 20, 1977. 889  
Upon the adoption of the resolution, any branches of an existing 890  
library that are located in that municipal corporation shall 891  
become the property of the municipal library district created. 892

The municipal corporation and the board of trustees of the 893  
public library maintaining any existing branches in that 894  
municipal corporation shall forthwith take appropriate action 895  
transferring all title and interest in all real and personal 896  
property located in that municipal corporation in the name of 897  
the library district maintaining those branches in that 898  
municipal corporation to the municipal corporation adopting the 899  
appropriate resolution. Upon transfer of all title and interest 900  
in that property, the branches shall become a part of, and be 901  
operated by, the board of library trustees appointed by the 902  
legislative authority of the municipal corporation. 903

(B) In any municipal corporation that has a population of 904  
less than twenty-five thousand and that has not less than one 905  
hundred thousand dollars available from a bequest for the 906  
establishment of a municipal library, the legislative authority 907  
of that municipal corporation may adopt, within one year after 908

June 20, 1977, a resolution creating a library district. Upon 909  
the establishment of any such library district, the board of 910  
trustees of any library operating a branch library in that 911  
municipal corporation shall not be required to transfer any 912  
property to the newly established library. 913

(C) The board of library trustees of any library district 914  
created under this section shall be composed of seven members. 915  
Those trustees shall be appointed by the legislative authority 916  
of the municipal corporation, to serve without compensation, for 917  
a term of four years, but the initial term of the seventh 918  
trustee may be for the number of years set by the legislative 919  
authority, not to exceed four years. Vacancies shall be filled 920  
by like appointment for the unexpired term. This section does 921  
not affect the term of any trustee appointed prior to January 1, 922  
2013. A library district created under this section shall be 923  
governed in accordance with and exercise the authority provided 924  
for in sections 3375.32 to 3375.41 of the Revised Code. 925

Notwithstanding any contrary provision of section 3.24 of 926  
the Revised Code, the ~~president~~chairperson of a board of 927  
township trustees may administer the oath of office to a person 928  
or persons representing the township on the board of library 929  
trustees of any library district created under this section, 930  
even if the geographical limits of the library district do not 931  
fall within the geographical limits of the township. 932

(D) Any library district created under this section is 933  
eligible to participate in the proceeds of the county public 934  
library fund in accordance with section 5705.28 of the Revised 935  
Code. 936

(E) A municipal corporation may establish and operate a 937  
free public library regardless of whether the municipal 938



corporation is located in a county library district or school library district, if all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The facility in which the library is principally located is transferred to the municipal corporation from the county library district or school library district in which it is located prior to January 1, 1996.

(2) The population of the municipal corporation is less than five hundred when the library is transferred from the county library district or school library district to the municipal corporation.

(3) The municipal corporation does not establish a municipal library district under this section.

(4) The library does not receive any proceeds from the county public library fund under section 5747.48 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 3501.021.** Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, a political subdivision or other entity that certifies a question or issue to a board of elections for placement on the ballot ~~shall~~ may make that certification in electronic or paper form. ~~A board of elections shall not accept such a certification in electronic form.~~

**Sec. 3709.03.** (A) There is hereby created in each general health district a district advisory council. A council shall consist of the president of the board of county commissioners, the chief executive of each municipal corporation not constituting a city health district, and the ~~president~~ chairperson of the board of township trustees of each township. The board of county commissioners, the legislative body of a municipal corporation, and the board of township trustees of a

township may select an alternate from among themselves to serve 968  
if the president, the chief executive, or the ~~president of the~~ 969  
~~board of township trustees~~ chairperson is unable to attend any 970  
meeting of the district advisory council. When attending a 971  
meeting on behalf of a council member, the alternate may vote on 972  
any matter on which the member is authorized to vote. 973

The council shall organize by selecting a chair and 974  
secretary from among its members. The council shall adopt bylaws 975  
governing its meetings, the transaction of business, and voting 976  
procedures. 977

The council shall meet annually in March at a place 978  
determined by the chair and the health commissioner for the 979  
purpose of electing the chair and the secretary, making 980  
necessary appointments to the board of health, receiving and 981  
considering the annual or special reports from the board of 982  
health, and making recommendations to the board of health or to 983  
the department of health in regard to matters for the betterment 984  
of health and sanitation within the district or for needed 985  
legislation. The secretary of the council shall notify the 986  
district health commissioner and the director of health of the 987  
proceedings of such meeting. 988

Special meetings of the council shall be held on the order 989  
of any of the following: 990

(1) The director of health; 991

(2) The board of health; 992

(3) The lesser of five or a majority of district advisory 993  
council members. 994

The district health commissioner shall attend all meetings 995  
of the council. 996

(B) The district advisory council shall appoint five 997  
members of the board of health, unless the board of health has 998  
established a health district licensing council under section 999  
3709.41 of the Revised Code, in which case, the district 1000  
advisory council shall appoint four members of the board of 1001  
health, and the health district licensing council shall appoint 1002  
one member of the board of health. At least one member of the 1003  
board of health shall be a physician. Appointments shall be made 1004  
with due regard to equal representation of all parts of the 1005  
district. 1006

(C) If at an annual or special meeting at which a member 1007  
of the board of health is to be appointed fewer than a majority 1008  
of the members of the district council are present, the council, 1009  
by the majority vote of council members present, may organize an 1010  
executive committee to make the appointment. An executive 1011  
committee shall consist of five council members, including the 1012  
president of the board of county commissioners, the council 1013  
chair, the council secretary, and two additional council members 1014  
selected by majority affirmative vote of the council members 1015  
present at the meeting. The additional members selected shall 1016  
include one representative of municipal corporations in the 1017  
district that are not city health districts and one 1018  
representative of townships in the district. If an individual is 1019  
eligible for more than one position on the executive committee 1020  
due to holding a particular office, the individual shall fill 1021  
one position on the committee and the other position shall be 1022  
filled by a member selected by a majority affirmative vote of 1023  
the council members present at the meeting. A council member's 1024  
alternate for annual meetings may serve as the member's 1025  
alternate at meetings of the executive committee. 1026

Not later than thirty days after an executive committee is 1027

organized, the committee shall meet and the council chair shall 1028  
present to the committee the matter of appointing a member of 1029  
the board of health. The committee shall appoint the board 1030  
member by majority affirmative vote. In the case of a combined 1031  
health district, the executive committee shall appoint only 1032  
members of the board of health that are to be appointed by the 1033  
district advisory council, unless the contract for 1034  
administration of health affairs in the combined district 1035  
provides otherwise. If a majority affirmative vote is not 1036  
reached within thirty days after the executive committee is 1037  
organized, the director of health shall appoint the member of 1038  
the board of health under the authority conferred by section 1039  
3709.03 of the Revised Code. 1040

If the council fails to meet or appoint a member of the 1041  
board of health as required by this section or section 3709.02 1042  
of the Revised Code, the director of health may appoint the 1043  
member. 1044

**Sec. 5541.04.** (A) The board of county commissioners of any 1045  
county, on its own motion or on petition by a person owning a 1046  
lot in the unincorporated area of said county praying that the 1047  
name of a county or township road in the immediate vicinity of 1048  
such lot be changed, upon hearing, and upon being satisfied that 1049  
there is good cause for such a change of name, that it will not 1050  
be detrimental to the general interest, and that it should be 1051  
made, may, by resolution declare the change of the name of such 1052  
road. The board may include in one resolution the change of name 1053  
of more than one road. 1054

A copy of such resolution shall be certified to the county 1055  
engineer, the county recorder, and the county auditor, who shall 1056  
all change their records accordingly, but still retain in some 1057

manner the old name of the road. 1058

(B) If, within sixty days after a petition is filed with a 1059  
board of county commissioners to change the name of a township 1060  
road, the board does not adopt a resolution either declaring the 1061  
name of the road changed as requested in the petition or 1062  
declaring that the name of the township road shall remain the 1063  
same, the name of the township road is changed, as requested in 1064  
the petition. 1065

The board of county commissioners shall submit notice that 1066  
the name of the township road has changed pursuant to this 1067  
division to the county engineer, the county recorder, and the 1068  
county auditor, who shall all change their records accordingly, 1069  
but still retain in some manner the old name of the road. 1070

**Sec. 5553.04.** ~~When~~ (A) Subject to division (B) of this 1071  
section, when the board of county commissioners is of the 1072  
opinion that it will be for the public convenience or welfare to 1073  
locate, establish, alter, widen, straighten, vacate, or change 1074  
the direction of a public road, it shall so declare by 1075  
resolution, which resolution shall set forth the general route 1076  
and termini of the road, or part of the road, to be located, 1077  
established, or vacated, or the general manner in which the road 1078  
is to be altered, widened, or straightened, or the direction of 1079  
the road is to be changed. 1080

~~When~~ Subject to division (B) of this section, when a 1081  
petition, signed by at least twelve freeholders of the county 1082  
residing in the vicinity of the proposed improvement, or signed 1083  
by the owner of the right to mine coal lying under or adjacent 1084  
to the proposed improvement, is presented to the board 1085  
requesting the board to locate, establish, alter, widen, 1086  
straighten, vacate, or change the direction of a public road, 1087

the board shall view the location of the proposed improvement, 1088  
and, if it is of the opinion that it will be for the public 1089  
convenience or welfare to make the improvement, it may proceed 1090  
to make the improvement as provided in sections 5553.04 to 1091  
5553.16 of the Revised Code. The petition shall set forth the 1092  
general route and termini of the road, or part of the road, to 1093  
be located, established, or vacated, or the general manner in 1094  
which the road is to be altered, widened, or straightened, or 1095  
the direction of the road is to be changed. When the board 1096  
declares by resolution its intention to proceed with the 1097  
improvement, it also may provide in the resolution for the 1098  
establishment of an appropriate detour route or for the 1099  
temporary closing of the road to be improved. When the petition 1100  
presented to the board for a proposed improvement as provided in 1101  
this section is a petition signed by the owner of the right to 1102  
mine coal lying under or adjacent to the proposed improvement, 1103  
that petitioner shall pay the costs and expenses incurred by the 1104  
board in connection with the proceedings initiated by the 1105  
petition, and the costs and expenses of making the improvement 1106  
including compensation and damages, and including the cost of 1107  
relocation of any conduits, cables, wires, towers, poles, or 1108  
other equipment or appliances of any public utility or electric 1109  
cooperative as defined in section 4928.01 of the Revised Code, 1110  
located on, over, or under the portion of the road affected by 1111  
the improvement, and, on demand by the board, shall give bond to 1112  
the satisfaction of the board in the amount the board determines 1113  
to secure the payment of all of those costs and expenses. 1114

(B) A board of county commissioners shall not adopt a 1115  
resolution to vacate a public road that is a township road under 1116  
division (A) of this section unless the applicable board of 1117  
township trustees has adopted a resolution approving the 1118

vacation. 1119

**Sec. 5705.121.** A municipal corporation may establish in 1120  
the manner provided by law a sanitary police pension fund, an 1121  
urban redevelopment tax increment equivalent fund, or a cemetery 1122  
fund. A- 1123

A township may establish by law a cemetery fund. 1124

A subdivision that levies a tax for the purpose described 1125  
in division (ZZ) or (AAA) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code 1126  
shall establish a general capital and infrastructure fund to 1127  
which the proceeds from that levy shall be credited. By 1128  
resolution or ordinance, the taxing authority may establish 1129  
accounts within that fund for any of the several particular 1130  
purposes for which such money may lawfully be spent, may 1131  
eliminate such accounts when no longer necessary or desirable, 1132  
and may transfer money between such accounts. Money in the fund 1133  
may not be used to pay the compensation of officers or employees 1134  
of the subdivision. 1135

**Sec. 5705.19.** This section does not apply to school 1136  
districts, county school financing districts, or lake facilities 1137  
authorities. 1138

The taxing authority of any subdivision at any time and in 1139  
any year, by vote of two-thirds of all the members of the taxing 1140  
authority, may declare by resolution and certify the resolution 1141  
to the board of elections not less than ninety days before the 1142  
election upon which it will be voted that the amount of taxes 1143  
that may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be 1144  
insufficient to provide for the necessary requirements of the 1145  
subdivision and that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of 1146  
that limitation for any of the following purposes: 1147

- (A) For current expenses of the subdivision, except that 1148  
the total levy for current expenses of a detention facility 1149  
district or district organized under section 2151.65 of the 1150  
Revised Code shall not exceed two mills and that the total levy 1151  
for current expenses of a combined district organized under 1152  
sections 2151.65 and 2152.41 of the Revised Code shall not 1153  
exceed four mills; 1154
- (B) For the payment of debt charges on certain described 1155  
bonds, notes, or certificates of indebtedness of the subdivision 1156  
issued subsequent to January 1, 1925; 1157
- (C) For the debt charges on all bonds, notes, and 1158  
certificates of indebtedness issued and authorized to be issued 1159  
prior to January 1, 1925; 1160
- (D) For a public library of, or supported by, the 1161  
subdivision under whatever law organized or authorized to be 1162  
supported; 1163
- (E) For a municipal university, not to exceed two mills 1164  
over the limitation of one mill prescribed in section 3349.13 of 1165  
the Revised Code; 1166
- (F) For the construction or acquisition of any specific 1167  
permanent improvement or class of improvements that the taxing 1168  
authority of the subdivision may include in a single bond issue; 1169
- (G) For the general construction, reconstruction, 1170  
resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads, and bridges in 1171  
municipal corporations, counties, or townships; 1172
- (H) For parks and recreational purposes; 1173
- (I) For providing and maintaining fire apparatus, 1174  
mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery 1175



equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and 1176  
sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials 1177  
therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of 1178  
fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting 1179  
companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, 1180  
emergency medical service, administrative, or communications 1181  
personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any 1182  
employer contributions required for such personnel under section 1183  
145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of 1184  
ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, 1185  
or other emergency medical services operated by a fire 1186  
department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other 1187  
related costs; 1188

(J) For providing and maintaining motor vehicles, 1189  
communications, other equipment, buildings, and sites for such 1190  
buildings used directly in the operation of a police department, 1191  
for the payment of salaries of permanent or part-time police, 1192  
communications, or administrative personnel to operate the same, 1193  
including the payment of any employer contributions required for 1194  
such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.33 of the Revised 1195  
Code, for the payment of the costs incurred by townships as a 1196  
result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in 1197  
order to obtain police protection, for the provision of 1198  
ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a police 1199  
department, or for the payment of other related costs; 1200

(K) For the maintenance and operation of a county home or 1201  
detention facility; 1202

(L) For community developmental disabilities programs and 1203  
services pursuant to Chapter 5126. of the Revised Code, except 1204  
that such levies shall be subject to the procedures and 1205

requirements of section 5705.222 of the Revised Code;	1206
(M) For regional planning;	1207
(N) For a county's share of the cost of maintaining and operating schools, district detention facilities, forestry camps, or other facilities, or any combination thereof, established under section 2151.65 or 2152.41 of the Revised Code or both of those sections;	1208 1209 1210 1211 1212
(O) For providing for flood defense, providing and maintaining a flood wall or pumps, and other purposes to prevent floods;	1213 1214 1215
(P) For maintaining and operating sewage disposal plants and facilities;	1216 1217
(Q) For the purpose of purchasing, acquiring, constructing, enlarging, improving, equipping, repairing, maintaining, or operating, or any combination of the foregoing, a county transit system pursuant to sections 306.01 to 306.13 of the Revised Code, or of making any payment to a board of county commissioners operating a transit system or a county transit board pursuant to section 306.06 of the Revised Code;	1218 1219 1220 1221 1222 1223 1224
(R) For the subdivision's share of the cost of acquiring or constructing any schools, forestry camps, detention facilities, or other facilities, or any combination thereof, under section 2151.65 or 2152.41 of the Revised Code or both of those sections;	1225 1226 1227 1228 1229
(S) For the prevention, control, and abatement of air pollution;	1230 1231
(T) For maintaining and operating cemeteries;	1232
(U) For providing ambulance service, emergency medical	1233

service, or both;	1234
(V) For providing for the collection and disposal of	1235
garbage or refuse, including yard waste;	1236
(W) For the payment of the police officer employers'	1237
contribution or the firefighter employers' contribution required	1238
under sections 742.33 and 742.34 of the Revised Code;	1239
(X) For the construction and maintenance of a drainage	1240
improvement pursuant to section 6131.52 of the Revised Code;	1241
(Y) For providing or maintaining senior citizens services	1242
or facilities as authorized by section 307.694, 307.85, 505.70,	1243
or 505.706 or division (EE) of section 717.01 of the Revised	1244
Code;	1245
(Z) For the provision and maintenance of zoological park	1246
services and facilities as authorized under section 307.76 of	1247
the Revised Code;	1248
(AA) For the maintenance and operation of a free public	1249
museum of art, science, or history;	1250
(BB) For the establishment and operation of a 9-1-1	1251
system, as defined in section 128.01 of the Revised Code;	1252
(CC) For the purpose of acquiring, rehabilitating, or	1253
developing rail property or rail service. As used in this	1254
division, "rail property" and "rail service" have the same	1255
meanings as in section 4981.01 of the Revised Code. This	1256
division applies only to a county, township, or municipal	1257
corporation.	1258
(DD) For the purpose of acquiring property for,	1259
constructing, operating, and maintaining community centers as	1260
provided for in section 755.16 of the Revised Code;	1261

(EE) For the creation and operation of an office or joint 1262  
office of economic development, for any economic development 1263  
purpose of the office, and to otherwise provide for the 1264  
establishment and operation of a program of economic development 1265  
pursuant to sections 307.07 and 307.64 of the Revised Code, or 1266  
to the extent that the expenses of a county land reutilization 1267  
corporation organized under Chapter 1724. of the Revised Code 1268  
are found by the board of county commissioners to constitute the 1269  
promotion of economic development, for the payment of such 1270  
operations and expenses; 1271

(FF) For the purpose of acquiring, establishing, 1272  
constructing, improving, equipping, maintaining, or operating, 1273  
or any combination of the foregoing, a township airport, landing 1274  
field, or other air navigation facility pursuant to section 1275  
505.15 of the Revised Code; 1276

(GG) For the payment of costs incurred by a township as a 1277  
result of a contract made with a county pursuant to section 1278  
505.263 of the Revised Code in order to pay all or any part of 1279  
the cost of constructing, maintaining, repairing, or operating a 1280  
water supply improvement; 1281

(HH) For a board of township trustees to acquire, other 1282  
than by appropriation, an ownership interest in land, water, or 1283  
wetlands, or to restore or maintain land, water, or wetlands in 1284  
which the board has an ownership interest, not for purposes of 1285  
recreation, but for the purposes of protecting and preserving 1286  
the natural, scenic, open, or wooded condition of the land, 1287  
water, or wetlands against modification or encroachment 1288  
resulting from occupation, development, or other use, which may 1289  
be styled as protecting or preserving "greenspace" in the 1290  
resolution, notice of election, or ballot form. Except as 1291

otherwise provided in this division, land is not acquired for 1292  
purposes of recreation, even if the land is used for 1293  
recreational purposes, so long as no building, structure, or 1294  
fixture used for recreational purposes is permanently attached 1295  
or affixed to the land. Except as otherwise provided in this 1296  
division, land that previously has been acquired in a township 1297  
for these greenspace purposes may subsequently be used for 1298  
recreational purposes if the board of township trustees adopts a 1299  
resolution approving that use and no building, structure, or 1300  
fixture used for recreational purposes is permanently attached 1301  
or affixed to the land. The authorization to use greenspace land 1302  
for recreational use does not apply to land located in a 1303  
township that had a population, at the time it passed its first 1304  
greenspace levy, of more than thirty-eight thousand within a 1305  
county that had a population, at that time, of at least eight 1306  
hundred sixty thousand. 1307

(II) For the support by a county of a crime victim 1308  
assistance program that is provided and maintained by a county 1309  
agency or a private, nonprofit corporation or association under 1310  
section 307.62 of the Revised Code; 1311

(JJ) For any or all of the purposes set forth in divisions 1312  
(I) and (J) of this section. This division applies only to a 1313  
township. 1314

(KK) For a countywide public safety communications system 1315  
under section 307.63 of the Revised Code. This division applies 1316  
only to counties. 1317

(LL) For the support by a county of criminal justice 1318  
services under section 307.45 of the Revised Code; 1319

(MM) For the purpose of maintaining and operating a jail 1320

or other detention facility as defined in section 2921.01 of the Revised Code; 1321  
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(NN) For purchasing, maintaining, or improving, or any combination of the foregoing, real estate on which to hold, and the operating expenses of, agricultural fairs operated by a county agricultural society or independent agricultural society under Chapter 1711. of the Revised Code. This division applies only to a county. 1323  
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(OO) For constructing, rehabilitating, repairing, or maintaining sidewalks, walkways, trails, bicycle pathways, or similar improvements, or acquiring ownership interests in land necessary for the foregoing improvements; 1329  
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(PP) For both of the purposes set forth in divisions (G) and (OO) of this section. 1333  
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(QQ) For both of the purposes set forth in divisions (H) and (HH) of this section. This division applies only to a township. 1335  
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(RR) For the legislative authority of a municipal corporation, board of county commissioners of a county, or board of township trustees of a township to acquire agricultural easements, as defined in section 5301.67 of the Revised Code, and to supervise and enforce the easements. 1338  
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(SS) For both of the purposes set forth in divisions (BB) and (KK) of this section. This division applies only to a county. 1343  
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(TT) For the maintenance and operation of a facility that is organized in whole or in part to promote the sciences and natural history under section 307.761 of the Revised Code. 1346  
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(UU) For the creation and operation of a county land reutilization corporation and for any programs or activities of the corporation found by the board of directors of the corporation to be consistent with the purposes for which the corporation is organized;

(VV) For construction and maintenance of improvements and expenses of soil and water conservation district programs under Chapter 940. of the Revised Code;

(WW) For the OSU extension fund created under section 3335.35 of the Revised Code for the purposes prescribed under section 3335.36 of the Revised Code for the benefit of the citizens of a county. This division applies only to a county.

(XX) For a municipal corporation that withdraws or proposes by resolution to withdraw from a regional transit authority under section 306.55 of the Revised Code to provide transportation services for the movement of persons within, from, or to the municipal corporation;

(YY) For any combination of the purposes specified in divisions (NN), (VV), and (WW) of this section. This division applies only to a county.

(ZZ) For any combination of the following purposes: the acquisition, construction, improvement, or maintenance of buildings, equipment, and supplies for police, firefighting, or emergency medical services; the construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, or repair of streets, roads, and bridges; or for general infrastructure projects. This division applies only to a township or municipal corporation.

(AAA) For any combination of the purposes specified in divisions (G), (K), (N), (O), (P), (X), (BB), and (MM) of this

section, for the acquisition, construction or maintenance of 1378  
county facilities, or for the acquisition of or improvements to 1379  
land. This division applies only to a county. 1380

The resolution shall be confined to the purpose or 1381  
purposes described in one division of this section, to which the 1382  
revenue derived therefrom shall be applied. The existence in any 1383  
other division of this section of authority to levy a tax for 1384  
any part or all of the same purpose or purposes does not 1385  
preclude the use of such revenues for any part of the purpose or 1386  
purposes of the division under which the resolution is adopted. 1387

The resolution shall specify the amount of the increase in 1388  
rate that it is necessary to levy, the purpose of that increase 1389  
in rate, and the number of years during which the increase in 1390  
rate shall be in effect, which may or may not include a levy 1391  
upon the duplicate of the current year. The number of years may 1392  
be any number not exceeding five, except as follows: 1393

(1) When the additional rate is for the payment of debt 1394  
charges, the increased rate shall be for the life of the 1395  
indebtedness. 1396

(2) When the additional rate is for any of the following, 1397  
the increased rate shall be for a continuing period of time: 1398

(a) For the current expenses for a detention facility 1399  
district, a district organized under section 2151.65 of the 1400  
Revised Code, or a combined district organized under sections 1401  
2151.65 and 2152.41 of the Revised Code; 1402

(b) For providing a county's share of the cost of 1403  
maintaining and operating schools, district detention 1404  
facilities, forestry camps, or other facilities, or any 1405  
combination thereof, established under section 2151.65 or 1406



2152.41 of the Revised Code or under both of those sections. 1407

(3) When the additional rate is for either of the 1408  
following, the increased rate may be for a continuing period of 1409  
time: 1410

(a) For the purposes set forth in division (I), (J), (U), 1411  
or (KK) of this section; 1412

(b) For the maintenance and operation of a joint 1413  
recreation district. 1414

(4) When the increase is for the purpose or purposes set 1415  
forth in division (D), (G), (H), (T), (Z), (CC), or (PP) of this 1416  
section, the tax levy may be for any specified number of years 1417  
or for a continuing period of time, as set forth in the 1418  
resolution. 1419

(5) When the increase is for the purpose set forth in 1420  
division (ZZ) or (AAA) of this section, the tax levy may be for 1421  
any number of years not exceeding ten. 1422

A levy for one of the purposes set forth in division (G), 1423  
(I), (J), or (U) of this section may be reduced pursuant to 1424  
section 5705.261 or 5705.31 of the Revised Code. A levy for one 1425  
of the purposes set forth in division (G), (I), (J), or (U) of 1426  
this section may also be terminated or permanently reduced by 1427  
the taxing authority if it adopts a resolution stating that the 1428  
continuance of the levy is unnecessary and the levy shall be 1429  
terminated or that the millage is excessive and the levy shall 1430  
be decreased by a designated amount. 1431

A resolution of a detention facility district, a district 1432  
organized under section 2151.65 of the Revised Code, or a 1433  
combined district organized under both sections 2151.65 and 1434  
2152.41 of the Revised Code may include both current expenses 1435

and other purposes, provided that the resolution shall apportion 1436  
the annual rate of levy between the current expenses and the 1437  
other purpose or purposes. The apportionment need not be the 1438  
same for each year of the levy, but the respective portions of 1439  
the rate actually levied each year for the current expenses and 1440  
the other purpose or purposes shall be limited by the 1441  
apportionment. 1442

Whenever a board of county commissioners, acting either as 1443  
the taxing authority of its county or as the taxing authority of 1444  
a sewer district or subdistrict created under Chapter 6117. of 1445  
the Revised Code, by resolution declares it necessary to levy a 1446  
tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of 1447  
constructing, improving, or extending sewage disposal plants or 1448  
sewage systems, the tax may be in effect for any number of years 1449  
not exceeding twenty, and the proceeds of the tax, 1450  
notwithstanding the general provisions of this section, may be 1451  
used to pay debt charges on any obligations issued and 1452  
outstanding on behalf of the subdivision for the purposes 1453  
enumerated in this paragraph, provided that any such obligations 1454  
have been specifically described in the resolution. 1455

A resolution adopted by the legislative authority of a 1456  
municipal corporation that is for the purpose in division (XX) 1457  
of this section may be combined with the purpose provided in 1458  
section 306.55 of the Revised Code, by vote of two-thirds of all 1459  
members of the legislative authority. The legislative authority 1460  
may certify the resolution to the board of elections as a 1461  
combined question. The question appearing on the ballot shall be 1462  
as provided in section 5705.252 of the Revised Code. 1463

A levy for the purpose set forth in division (BB) of this 1464  
section may be imposed in all or a portion of the territory of a 1465

subdivision. If the 9-1-1 system to be established and operated 1466  
with levy funds excludes territory located within the 1467  
subdivision, the resolution adopted under this section, or a 1468  
resolution proposing to renew such a levy that was imposed in 1469  
all of the territory of the subdivision, may describe the area 1470  
served or to be served by the system and specify that the 1471  
proposed tax would be imposed only in the areas receiving or to 1472  
receive the service. Upon passage of such a resolution, the 1473  
board of elections shall submit the question of the tax levy 1474  
only to those electors residing in the area or areas in which 1475  
the tax would be imposed. If the 9-1-1 system would serve the 1476  
entire subdivision, the resolution shall not exclude territory 1477  
from the tax levy. 1478

The resolution shall go into immediate effect upon its 1479  
passage, and no publication of the resolution is necessary other 1480  
than that provided for in the notice of election 1481

When the electors of a subdivision or, in the case of a 1482  
qualifying library levy for the support of a library association 1483  
or private corporation, the electors of the association library 1484  
district or, in the case of a 9-1-1 system levy serving only a 1485  
portion of the territory of a subdivision, the electors of the 1486  
portion of the subdivision in which the levy would be imposed 1487  
have approved a tax levy under this section, the taxing 1488  
authority of the subdivision may anticipate a fraction of the 1489  
proceeds of the levy and issue anticipation notes in accordance 1490  
with section 5705.191 or 5705.193 of the Revised Code. 1491

**Sec. 5709.73.** (A) As used in this section and section 1492  
5709.74 of the Revised Code: 1493

(1) "Business day" means a day of the week excluding 1494  
Saturday, Sunday, and a legal holiday as defined in section 1.14 1495

of the Revised Code. 1496

(2) "Further improvements" or "improvements" means the 1497  
increase in the assessed value of real property that would first 1498  
appear on the tax list and duplicate of real and public utility 1499  
property after the effective date of a resolution adopted under 1500  
this section were it not for the exemption granted by that 1501  
resolution. For purposes of division (B) of this section, 1502  
"improvements" do not include any property used or to be used 1503  
for residential purposes. For this purpose, "property that is 1504  
used or to be used for residential purposes" means property 1505  
that, as improved, is used or to be used for purposes that would 1506  
cause the tax commissioner to classify the property as 1507  
residential property in accordance with rules adopted by the 1508  
commissioner under section 5713.041 of the Revised Code. 1509

(3) "Housing renovation" means a project carried out for 1510  
residential purposes. 1511

(4) "Incentive district" has the same meaning as in 1512  
section 5709.40 of the Revised Code, except that a blighted area 1513  
is in the unincorporated area of a township. 1514

(5) "Overlay" has the same meaning as in section 5709.40 1515  
of the Revised Code, except that the overlay is delineated by 1516  
the board of township trustees. 1517

(6) "Project" and "public infrastructure improvement" have 1518  
the same meanings as in section 5709.40 of the Revised Code. 1519

(B) A board of township trustees may, by unanimous vote, 1520  
adopt a resolution that declares to be a public purpose any 1521  
public infrastructure improvements made that are necessary for 1522  
the development of certain parcels of land located in the 1523  
unincorporated area of the township. Except with the approval 1524

under division (D) of this section of the board of education of 1525  
each city, local, or exempted village school district within 1526  
which the improvements are located, the resolution may exempt 1527  
from real property taxation not more than seventy-five per cent 1528  
of further improvements to a parcel of land that directly 1529  
benefits from the public infrastructure improvements, for a 1530  
period of not more than ten years. The resolution shall specify 1531  
the percentage of the further improvements to be exempted and 1532  
the life of the exemption. 1533

(C) (1) A board of township trustees may adopt, by 1534  
unanimous vote, a resolution creating an incentive district and 1535  
declaring improvements to parcels within the district to be a 1536  
public purpose and, except as provided in division (C) (2) of 1537  
this section, exempt from taxation as provided in this section, 1538  
but no board of township trustees of a township that has a 1539  
population that exceeds twenty-five thousand, as shown by the 1540  
most recent federal decennial census, shall adopt a resolution 1541  
that creates an incentive district if the sum of the taxable 1542  
value of real property in the proposed district for the 1543  
preceding tax year and the taxable value of all real property in 1544  
the township that would have been taxable in the preceding year 1545  
were it not for the fact that the property was in an existing 1546  
incentive district and therefore exempt from taxation exceeds 1547  
twenty-five per cent of the taxable value of real property in 1548  
the township for the preceding tax year. The district shall be 1549  
located within the unincorporated area of the township and shall 1550  
not include any territory that is included within a district 1551  
created under division (B) of section 5709.78 of the Revised 1552  
Code. The resolution shall delineate the boundary of the 1553  
proposed district and specifically identify each parcel within 1554  
the district. A proposed district may not include any parcel 1555

that is or has been exempted from taxation under division (B) of 1556  
this section or that is or has been within another district 1557  
created under this division. A resolution may create more than 1558  
one such district, and more than one resolution may be adopted 1559  
under division (C) (1) of this section. 1560

(2) (a) Not later than thirty days prior to adopting a 1561  
resolution under division (C) (1) of this section, if the 1562  
township intends to apply for exemptions from taxation under 1563  
section 5709.911 of the Revised Code on behalf of owners of real 1564  
property located within the proposed incentive district, the 1565  
board shall conduct a public hearing on the proposed resolution. 1566  
Not later than thirty days prior to the public hearing, the 1567  
board shall give notice of the public hearing and the proposed 1568  
resolution by first class mail to every real property owner 1569  
whose property is located within the boundaries of the proposed 1570  
incentive district that is the subject of the proposed 1571  
resolution. The notice shall include a map of the proposed 1572  
incentive district on which the board of township trustees shall 1573  
have delineated an overlay. The notice shall inform the property 1574  
owner of the owner's right to exclude the owner's property from 1575  
the incentive district if both of the following conditions are 1576  
met: 1577

(i) The owner's entire parcel of property will not be 1578  
located within the overlay. 1579

(ii) The owner has submitted a statement to the board of 1580  
county commissioners of the county in which the parcel is 1581  
located indicating the owner's intent to seek a tax exemption 1582  
for improvements to the owner's parcel under division (A) or (B) 1583  
of section 5709.78 of the Revised Code within the next five 1584  
years. 1585

When both of the preceding conditions are met, the owner 1586  
may exclude the owner's property from the incentive district by 1587  
submitting a written response in accordance with division (C) (2) 1588  
(b) of this section. The notice also shall include information 1589  
detailing the required contents of the response, the address to 1590  
which the response may be mailed, and the deadline for 1591  
submitting the response. 1592

(b) Any owner of real property located within the 1593  
boundaries of an incentive district proposed under division (C) 1594  
(1) of this section who meets the conditions specified in 1595  
divisions (C) (2) (a) (i) and (ii) of this section may exclude the 1596  
property from the proposed incentive district by submitting a 1597  
written response to the board not later than forty-five days 1598  
after the postmark date on the notice required under division 1599  
(C) (2) (a) of this section. The response shall include a copy of 1600  
the statement submitted under division (C) (2) (a) (ii) of this 1601  
section. The response shall be sent by first class mail or 1602  
delivered in person at a public hearing held by the board under 1603  
division (C) (2) (a) of this section. The response shall conform 1604  
to any content requirements that may be established by the board 1605  
and included in the notice provided under division (C) (2) (a) of 1606  
this section. In the response, property owners may identify a 1607  
parcel by street address, by the manner in which it is 1608  
identified in the resolution, or by other means allowing the 1609  
identity of the parcel to be ascertained. 1610

(c) Before adopting a resolution under division (C) (1) of 1611  
this section, the board shall amend the resolution to exclude 1612  
any parcel for which a written response has been submitted under 1613  
division (C) (2) (b) of this section. A township shall not apply 1614  
for exemptions from taxation under section 5709.911 of the 1615  
Revised Code for any such parcel, and service payments may not 1616

be required from the owner of the parcel. Improvements to a 1617  
parcel excluded from an incentive district under this division 1618  
may be exempted from taxation under division (B) of this section 1619  
pursuant to a resolution adopted under that division or under 1620  
any other section of the Revised Code under which the parcel 1621  
qualifies. 1622

(3) (a) A resolution adopted under division (C) (1) of this 1623  
section shall specify the life of the incentive district and the 1624  
percentage of the improvements to be exempted, shall designate 1625  
the public infrastructure improvements made, to be made, or in 1626  
the process of being made, that benefit or serve, or, once made, 1627  
will benefit or serve parcels in the district. The resolution 1628  
also shall identify one or more specific projects being, or to 1629  
be, undertaken in the district that place additional demand on 1630  
the public infrastructure improvements designated in the 1631  
resolution. The project identified may, but need not be, the 1632  
project under division (C) (3) (b) of this section that places 1633  
real property in use for commercial or industrial purposes. 1634

A resolution adopted under division (C) (1) of this section 1635  
on or after March 30, 2006, shall not designate police or fire 1636  
equipment as public infrastructure improvements, and, except as 1637  
provided in division (F) of this section, no service payment 1638  
provided for in section 5709.74 of the Revised Code and received 1639  
by the township under the resolution shall be used for police or 1640  
fire equipment. 1641

(b) A resolution adopted under division (C) (1) of this 1642  
section may authorize the use of service payments provided for 1643  
in section 5709.74 of the Revised Code for the purpose of 1644  
housing renovations within the incentive district, provided that 1645  
the resolution also designates public infrastructure 1646



improvements that benefit or serve the district, and that a 1647  
project within the district places real property in use for 1648  
commercial or industrial purposes. Service payments may be used 1649  
to finance or support loans, deferred loans, and grants to 1650  
persons for the purpose of housing renovations within the 1651  
district. The resolution shall designate the parcels within the 1652  
district that are eligible for housing renovations. The 1653  
resolution shall state separately the amount or the percentages 1654  
of the expected aggregate service payments that are designated 1655  
for each public infrastructure improvement and for the purpose 1656  
of housing renovations. 1657

(4) Except with the approval of the board of education of 1658  
each city, local, or exempted village school district within the 1659  
territory of which the incentive district is or will be located, 1660  
and subject to division (E) of this section, the life of an 1661  
incentive district shall not exceed ten years, and the 1662  
percentage of improvements to be exempted shall not exceed 1663  
seventy-five per cent. With approval of the board of education, 1664  
the life of a district may be not more than thirty years, and 1665  
the percentage of improvements to be exempted may be not more 1666  
than one hundred per cent. The approval of a board of education 1667  
shall be obtained in the manner provided in division (D) of this 1668  
section. 1669

(D) Improvements with respect to a parcel may be exempted 1670  
from taxation under division (B) of this section, and 1671  
improvements to parcels within an incentive district may be 1672  
exempted from taxation under division (C) of this section, for 1673  
up to ten years or, with the approval of the board of education 1674  
of the city, local, or exempted village school district within 1675  
which the parcel or district is located, for up to thirty years. 1676  
The percentage of the improvements exempted from taxation may, 1677

with such approval, exceed seventy-five per cent, but shall not 1678  
exceed one hundred per cent. Not later than forty-five business 1679  
days prior to adopting a resolution under this section declaring 1680  
improvements to be a public purpose that is subject to approval 1681  
by a board of education under this division, the board of 1682  
township trustees shall deliver to the board of education a 1683  
notice stating its intent to adopt a resolution making that 1684  
declaration. The notice regarding improvements with respect to a 1685  
parcel under division (B) of this section shall identify the 1686  
parcels for which improvements are to be exempted from taxation, 1687  
provide an estimate of the true value in money of the 1688  
improvements, specify the period for which the improvements 1689  
would be exempted from taxation and the percentage of the 1690  
improvements that would be exempted, and indicate the date on 1691  
which the board of township trustees intends to adopt the 1692  
resolution. The notice regarding improvements made under 1693  
division (C) of this section to parcels within an incentive 1694  
district shall delineate the boundaries of the district, 1695  
specifically identify each parcel within the district, identify 1696  
each anticipated improvement in the district, provide an 1697  
estimate of the true value in money of each such improvement, 1698  
specify the life of the district and the percentage of 1699  
improvements that would be exempted, and indicate the date on 1700  
which the board of township trustees intends to adopt the 1701  
resolution. The board of education, by resolution adopted by a 1702  
majority of the board, may approve the exemption for the period 1703  
or for the exemption percentage specified in the notice; may 1704  
disapprove the exemption for the number of years in excess of 1705  
ten, may disapprove the exemption for the percentage of the 1706  
improvements to be exempted in excess of seventy-five per cent, 1707  
or both; or may approve the exemption on the condition that the 1708  
board of township trustees and the board of education negotiate 1709

an agreement providing for compensation to the school district 1710  
equal in value to a percentage of the amount of taxes exempted 1711  
in the eleventh and subsequent years of the exemption period or, 1712  
in the case of exemption percentages in excess of seventy-five 1713  
per cent, compensation equal in value to a percentage of the 1714  
taxes that would be payable on the portion of the improvements 1715  
in excess of seventy-five per cent were that portion to be 1716  
subject to taxation, or other mutually agreeable compensation. 1717

The board of education shall certify its resolution to the 1718  
board of township trustees not later than fourteen days prior to 1719  
the date the board of township trustees intends to adopt the 1720  
resolution as indicated in the notice. If the board of education 1721  
and the board of township trustees negotiate a mutually 1722  
acceptable compensation agreement, the resolution may declare 1723  
the improvements a public purpose for the number of years 1724  
specified in the resolution or, in the case of exemption 1725  
percentages in excess of seventy-five per cent, for the 1726  
exemption percentage specified in the resolution. In either 1727  
case, if the board of education and the board of township 1728  
trustees fail to negotiate a mutually acceptable compensation 1729  
agreement, the resolution may declare the improvements a public 1730  
purpose for not more than ten years, and shall not exempt more 1731  
than seventy-five per cent of the improvements from taxation. If 1732  
the board of education fails to certify a resolution to the 1733  
board of township trustees within the time prescribed by this 1734  
section, the board of township trustees thereupon may adopt the 1735  
resolution and may declare the improvements a public purpose for 1736  
up to thirty years or, in the case of exemption percentages 1737  
proposed in excess of seventy-five per cent, for the exemption 1738  
percentage specified in the resolution. The board of township 1739  
trustees may adopt the resolution at any time after the board of 1740

education certifies its resolution approving the exemption to 1741  
the board of township trustees, or, if the board of education 1742  
approves the exemption on the condition that a mutually 1743  
acceptable compensation agreement be negotiated, at any time 1744  
after the compensation agreement is agreed to by the board of 1745  
education and the board of township trustees. If a mutually 1746  
acceptable compensation agreement is negotiated between the 1747  
board of township trustees and the board of education, including 1748  
agreements for payments in lieu of taxes under section 5709.74 1749  
of the Revised Code, the board of township trustees shall 1750  
compensate the joint vocational school district within which the 1751  
parcel or district is located at the same rate and under the 1752  
same terms received by the city, local, or exempted village 1753  
school district. 1754

If a board of education has adopted a resolution waiving 1755  
its right to approve exemptions from taxation under this section 1756  
and the resolution remains in effect, approval of such 1757  
exemptions by the board of education is not required under 1758  
division (D) of this section. If a board of education has 1759  
adopted a resolution allowing a board of township trustees to 1760  
deliver the notice required under division (D) of this section 1761  
fewer than forty-five business days prior to adoption of the 1762  
resolution by the board of township trustees, the board of 1763  
township trustees shall deliver the notice to the board of 1764  
education not later than the number of days prior to the 1765  
adoption as prescribed by the board of education in its 1766  
resolution. If a board of education adopts a resolution waiving 1767  
its right to approve exemptions or shortening the notification 1768  
period, the board of education shall certify a copy of the 1769  
resolution to the board of township trustees. If the board of 1770  
education rescinds the resolution, it shall certify notice of 1771

the rescission to the board of township trustees. 1772

If the board of township trustees is not required by 1773  
division (D) of this section to notify the board of education of 1774  
the board of township trustees' intent to declare improvements 1775  
to be a public purpose, the board of township trustees shall 1776  
comply with the notice requirements imposed under section 1777  
5709.83 of the Revised Code before taking formal action to adopt 1778  
the resolution making that declaration, unless the board of 1779  
education has adopted a resolution under that section waiving 1780  
its right to receive the notice. 1781

(E) (1) If a proposed resolution under division (C) (1) of 1782  
this section exempts improvements with respect to a parcel 1783  
within an incentive district for more than ten years, or the 1784  
percentage of the improvement exempted from taxation exceeds 1785  
seventy-five per cent, not later than forty-five business days 1786  
prior to adopting the resolution the board of township trustees 1787  
shall deliver to the board of county commissioners of the county 1788  
within which the incentive district is or will be located a 1789  
notice that states its intent to adopt a resolution creating an 1790  
incentive district. The notice shall include a copy of the 1791  
proposed resolution, identify the parcels for which improvements 1792  
are to be exempted from taxation, provide an estimate of the 1793  
true value in money of the improvements, specify the period of 1794  
time for which the improvements would be exempted from taxation, 1795  
specify the percentage of the improvements that would be 1796  
exempted from taxation, and indicate the date on which the board 1797  
of township trustees intends to adopt the resolution. 1798

(2) The board of county commissioners, by resolution 1799  
adopted by a majority of the board, may object to the exemption 1800  
for the number of years in excess of ten, may object to the 1801

exemption for the percentage of the improvement to be exempted 1802  
in excess of seventy-five per cent, or both. If the board of 1803  
county commissioners objects, the board may negotiate a mutually 1804  
acceptable compensation agreement with the board of township 1805  
trustees. In no case shall the compensation provided to the 1806  
board of county commissioners exceed the property taxes foregone 1807  
due to the exemption. If the board of county commissioners 1808  
objects, and the board of county commissioners and board of 1809  
township trustees fail to negotiate a mutually acceptable 1810  
compensation agreement, the resolution adopted under division 1811  
(C) (1) of this section shall provide to the board of county 1812  
commissioners compensation in the eleventh and subsequent years 1813  
of the exemption period equal in value to not more than fifty 1814  
per cent of the taxes that would be payable to the county or, if 1815  
the board of county commissioner's objection includes an 1816  
objection to an exemption percentage in excess of seventy-five 1817  
per cent, compensation equal in value to not more than fifty per 1818  
cent of the taxes that would be payable to the county, on the 1819  
portion of the improvement in excess of seventy-five per cent, 1820  
were that portion to be subject to taxation. The board of county 1821  
commissioners shall certify its resolution to the board of 1822  
township trustees not later than thirty days after receipt of 1823  
the notice. 1824

(3) If the board of county commissioners does not object 1825  
or fails to certify its resolution objecting to an exemption 1826  
within thirty days after receipt of the notice, the board of 1827  
township trustees may adopt its resolution, and no compensation 1828  
shall be provided to the board of county commissioners. If the 1829  
board of county commissioners timely certifies its resolution 1830  
objecting to the trustees' resolution, the board of township 1831  
trustees may adopt its resolution at any time after a mutually 1832

acceptable compensation agreement is agreed to by the board of 1833  
county commissioners and the board of township trustees, or, if 1834  
no compensation agreement is negotiated, at any time after the 1835  
board of township trustees agrees in the proposed resolution to 1836  
provide compensation to the board of county commissioners of 1837  
fifty per cent of the taxes that would be payable to the county 1838  
in the eleventh and subsequent years of the exemption period or 1839  
on the portion of the improvement in excess of seventy-five per 1840  
cent, were that portion to be subject to taxation. 1841

(F) Service payments in lieu of taxes that are 1842  
attributable to any amount by which the effective tax rate of 1843  
either a renewal levy with an increase or a replacement levy 1844  
exceeds the effective tax rate of the levy renewed or replaced, 1845  
or that are attributable to an additional levy, for a levy 1846  
authorized by the voters for any of the following purposes on or 1847  
after January 1, 2006, and which are provided pursuant to a 1848  
resolution creating an incentive district under division (C)(1) 1849  
of this section that is adopted on or after January 1, 2006, or 1850  
a later date as specified in this division, shall be distributed 1851  
to the appropriate taxing authority as required under division 1852  
(C) of section 5709.74 of the Revised Code in an amount equal to 1853  
the amount of taxes from that additional levy or from the 1854  
increase in the effective tax rate of such renewal or 1855  
replacement levy that would have been payable to that taxing 1856  
authority from the following levies were it not for the 1857  
exemption authorized under division (C) of this section: 1858

(1) A tax levied under division (L) of section 5705.19 or 1859  
section 5705.191 or 5705.222 of the Revised Code for community 1860  
developmental disabilities programs and services pursuant to 1861  
Chapter 5126. of the Revised Code; 1862

(2) A tax levied under division (Y) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code for providing or maintaining senior citizens services or facilities;	1863 1864 1865
(3) A tax levied under section 5705.22 of the Revised Code for county hospitals;	1866 1867
(4) A tax levied by a joint-county district or by a county under section 5705.19, 5705.191, or 5705.221 of the Revised Code for alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services or families;	1868 1869 1870 1871
(5) A tax levied under section 5705.23 of the Revised Code for library purposes;	1872 1873
(6) A tax levied under section 5705.24 of the Revised Code for the support of children services and the placement and care of children;	1874 1875 1876
(7) A tax levied under division (Z) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code for the provision and maintenance of zoological park services and facilities under section 307.76 of the Revised Code;	1877 1878 1879 1880
(8) A tax levied under section 511.27 or division (H) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code for the support of township park districts;	1881 1882 1883
(9) A tax levied under division (A), (F), or (H) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code for parks and recreational purposes of a joint recreation district organized pursuant to division (B) of section 755.14 of the Revised Code;	1884 1885 1886 1887
(10) A tax levied under section 1545.20 or 1545.21 of the Revised Code for park district purposes;	1888 1889
(11) A tax levied under section 5705.191 of the Revised	1890



Code for the purpose of making appropriations for public 1891  
assistance; human or social services; public relief; public 1892  
welfare; public health and hospitalization; and support of 1893  
general hospitals; 1894

(12) A tax levied under section 3709.29 of the Revised 1895  
Code for a general health district program; 1896

(13) A tax levied by a township under section 505.39, 1897  
505.51, or division (I), (J), (U), or (JJ) of section 5705.19 of 1898  
the Revised Code for the purpose of funding fire, police, 1899  
emergency medical, or ambulance services as described in those 1900  
sections. Division (F) (13) of this section applies only to 1901  
incentive districts created by a resolution adopted on or after 1902  
the effective date of the amendment of this section by H.B. 500 1903  
of the 132nd general assembly, and only if that resolution 1904  
specifies that division (F) of this section shall apply to such 1905  
a tax. 1906

(G) An exemption from taxation granted under this section 1907  
commences with the tax year specified in the resolution so long 1908  
as the year specified in the resolution commences after the 1909  
effective date of the resolution. If the resolution specifies a 1910  
year commencing before the effective date of the resolution or 1911  
specifies no year whatsoever, the exemption commences with the 1912  
tax year in which an exempted improvement first appears on the 1913  
tax list and duplicate of real and public utility property and 1914  
that commences after the effective date of the resolution. In 1915  
lieu of stating a specific year, the resolution may provide that 1916  
the exemption commences in the tax year in which the value of an 1917  
improvement exceeds a specified amount or in which the 1918  
construction of one or more improvements is completed, provided 1919  
that such tax year commences after the effective date of the 1920

resolution. With respect to the exemption of improvements to 1921  
parcels under division (B) of this section, the resolution may 1922  
allow for the exemption to commence in different tax years on a 1923  
parcel-by-parcel basis, with a separate exemption term specified 1924  
for each parcel. 1925

Except as otherwise provided in this division, the 1926  
exemption ends on the date specified in the resolution as the 1927  
date the improvement ceases to be a public purpose or the 1928  
incentive district expires, or ends on the date on which the 1929  
public infrastructure improvements and housing renovations are 1930  
paid in full from the township public improvement tax increment 1931  
equivalent fund established under section 5709.75 of the Revised 1932  
Code, whichever occurs first. The exemption of an improvement 1933  
with respect to a parcel or within an incentive district may end 1934  
on a later date, as specified in the resolution, if the board of 1935  
township trustees and the board of education of the city, local, 1936  
or exempted village school district within which the parcel or 1937  
district is located have entered into a compensation agreement 1938  
under section 5709.82 of the Revised Code with respect to the 1939  
improvement and the board of education has approved the term of 1940  
the exemption under division (D) of this section, but in no case 1941  
shall the improvement be exempted from taxation for more than 1942  
thirty years. The board of township trustees may, by majority 1943  
vote, adopt a resolution permitting the township to enter into 1944  
such agreements as the board finds necessary or appropriate to 1945  
provide for the construction or undertaking of public 1946  
infrastructure improvements and housing renovations. Any 1947  
exemption shall be claimed and allowed in the same or a similar 1948  
manner as in the case of other real property exemptions. If an 1949  
exemption status changes during a tax year, the procedure for 1950  
the apportionment of the taxes for that year is the same as in 1951

the case of other changes in tax exemption status during the 1952  
year. 1953

(H) The board of township trustees may issue the notes of 1954  
the township to finance all costs pertaining to the construction 1955  
or undertaking of public infrastructure improvements and housing 1956  
renovations made pursuant to this section. The notes shall be 1957  
signed by the board and attested by the signature of the 1958  
township fiscal officer, shall bear interest not to exceed the 1959  
rate provided in section 9.95 of the Revised Code, and are not 1960  
subject to Chapter 133. of the Revised Code. The resolution 1961  
authorizing the issuance of the notes shall pledge the funds of 1962  
the township public improvement tax increment equivalent fund 1963  
established pursuant to section 5709.75 of the Revised Code to 1964  
pay the interest on and principal of the notes. The notes, which 1965  
may contain a clause permitting prepayment at the option of the 1966  
board, shall be offered for sale on the open market or given to 1967  
the vendor or contractor if no sale is made. 1968

(I) The township, not later than fifteen days after the 1969  
adoption of a resolution under this section, shall submit to the 1970  
director of development services a copy of the resolution. On or 1971  
before the thirty-first day of March of each year, the township 1972  
shall submit a status report to the director of development 1973  
services. The report shall indicate, in the manner prescribed by 1974  
the director, the progress of the project during each year that 1975  
the exemption remains in effect, including a summary of the 1976  
receipts from service payments in lieu of taxes; expenditures of 1977  
money from the fund created under section 5709.75 of the Revised 1978  
Code; a description of the public infrastructure improvements 1979  
and housing renovations financed with the expenditures; and a 1980  
quantitative summary of changes in private investment resulting 1981  
from each project. 1982

(J) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit 1983  
a board of township trustees from declaring to be a public 1984  
purpose improvements with respect to more than one parcel. 1985

If a parcel is located in a new community district in 1986  
which the new community authority imposes a community 1987  
development charge on the basis of rentals received from leases 1988  
of real property as described in division (L) (2) of section 1989  
349.01 of the Revised Code, the parcel may not be exempted from 1990  
taxation under this section. 1991

(K) A board of township trustees that adopted a resolution 1992  
under this section prior to July 21, 1994, may amend that 1993  
resolution to include any additional public infrastructure 1994  
improvement. A board of township trustees that seeks by the 1995  
amendment to utilize money from its township public improvement 1996  
tax increment equivalent fund for land acquisition in aid of 1997  
industry, commerce, distribution, or research, demolition on 1998  
private property, or stormwater and flood remediation projects 1999  
may do so provided that the board currently is a party to a 2000  
hold-harmless agreement with the board of education of the city, 2001  
local, or exempted village school district within the territory 2002  
of which are located the parcels that are subject to an 2003  
exemption. For the purposes of this division, a "hold-harmless 2004  
agreement" means an agreement under which the board of township 2005  
trustees agrees to compensate the school district for one 2006  
hundred per cent of the tax revenue that the school district 2007  
would have received from further improvements to parcels 2008  
designated in the resolution were it not for the exemption 2009  
granted by the resolution. 2010

(L) Notwithstanding the limitation prescribed by division 2011  
(D) of this section on the number of years that improvements to 2012

a parcel or parcels may be exempted from taxation, a board of trustees of a township with a population of fifteen thousand or more may amend a resolution originally adopted under this section before December 31, 1994, to extend the exemption of improvements to the parcel or parcels included in such resolution for an additional period not to exceed fifteen years. The amendment shall not increase the percentage of improvements to the parcel or parcels exempted from taxation. Before adopting an amendment authorized under this division, the board of township trustees shall obtain the approval of each board of education of the city, local, or exempted village school district within which the exempted parcels are located in the manner required under division (D) of this section, except that (1) the board of education may approve the exemption on the condition that the board of township trustees and the board of education negotiate an agreement providing for compensation to the school district equal in value to the amount of taxes the district forgoes in each year the exemption is extended pursuant to this division or any other mutually agreeable compensation and (2) if the board of education fails to certify a resolution approving the amendment to the board of township trustees within the time prescribed by division (D) of this section, the board of township trustees shall not adopt the amendment authorized under this division.

No approval under this division shall be required from a board of education that has adopted a resolution waiving its right to approve exemptions from taxation pursuant to division (D) of this section. If the board of education has adopted such a resolution, the board of township trustees shall comply with the notice requirements imposed under section 5709.83 of the Revised Code before taking formal action to adopt an amendment

authorized under this division unless the board of education has 2044  
adopted a resolution under that section waiving its right to 2045  
receive the notice. Not later than fourteen days before adopting 2046  
an amendment authorized under this division, the board of 2047  
township trustees shall deliver a notice identical to a notice 2048  
required under section 5709.83 of the Revised Code to the board 2049  
of county commissioners of each county in which the exempted 2050  
parcels are located. 2051

**Sec. 5709.75.** (A) Any township that receives service 2052  
payments in lieu of taxes under section 5709.74 of the Revised 2053  
Code shall establish a township public improvement tax increment 2054  
equivalent fund into which those payments shall be deposited. If 2055  
the board of township trustees has adopted a resolution under 2056  
division (C) of section 5709.73 of the Revised Code, the 2057  
township shall establish at least one account in that fund with 2058  
respect to resolutions adopted under division (B) of that 2059  
section, and one account with respect to each incentive district 2060  
created by a resolution adopted under division (C) of that 2061  
section. If a resolution adopted under division (C) of section 2062  
5709.73 of the Revised Code also authorizes the use of service 2063  
payments for housing renovations within the incentive district, 2064  
the township shall establish separate accounts for the service 2065  
payments designated for public infrastructure improvements and 2066  
for the service payments authorized for the purpose of housing 2067  
renovations. 2068

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) or (D) of 2069  
this section, money deposited in an account of the township 2070  
public improvement tax increment equivalent fund shall be used 2071  
by the township to pay the costs of public infrastructure 2072  
improvements designated in or the housing renovations authorized 2073  
by the resolution with respect to which the account is 2074

established, including any interest on and principal of the 2075  
notes; in the case of an account established with respect to a 2076  
resolution adopted under division (C) of that section, money in 2077  
the account shall be used to finance the public infrastructure 2078  
improvements designated, or the housing renovations authorized, 2079  
for each incentive district created in the resolution. Money in 2080  
an account shall not be used to finance or support housing 2081  
renovations that take place after the incentive district has 2082  
expired. 2083

(C) (1) (a) A township may distribute money in such an 2084  
account to any school district in which the exempt property is 2085  
located in an amount not to exceed the amount of real property 2086  
taxes that such school district would have received from the 2087  
improvement if it were not exempt from taxation. The resolution 2088  
establishing the fund shall set forth the percentage of such 2089  
maximum amount that will be distributed to any affected school 2090  
district. 2091

(b) A township also may distribute money in such an 2092  
account as follows: 2093

(i) To a board of county commissioners, in the amount that 2094  
is owed to the board pursuant to division (E) of section 5709.73 2095  
of the Revised Code; 2096

(ii) To a county in accordance with section 5709.913 of 2097  
the Revised Code. 2098

(2) Money from an account in a township public improvement 2099  
tax increment equivalent fund may be distributed under division 2100  
(C) (1) (b) of this section, regardless of the date a resolution 2101  
was adopted under section 5709.73 of the Revised Code that 2102  
prompted the establishment of the account, even if the 2103

resolution was adopted prior to March 30, 2006. 2104

(D) A board of township trustees that adopted a resolution 2105  
under section 5709.73 of the Revised Code and that, with respect 2106  
to property exempted under such a resolution, is party to a 2107  
hold-harmless or service agreement, may appropriate and expend 2108  
unencumbered money in the fund to pay current public safety 2109  
expenses of the township. A township appropriating and expending 2110  
money under this division shall reimburse the fund for the sum 2111  
so appropriated and expended not later than the day the 2112  
exemption granted under the resolution expires. For the purposes 2113  
of this division, a "hold-harmless agreement" is an agreement 2114  
with the board of education of a city, local, or exempted 2115  
village school district under which the board of township 2116  
trustees agrees to compensate the school district for one 2117  
hundred per cent of the tax revenue the school district would 2118  
have received from improvements to parcels designated in the 2119  
resolution were it not for the exemption granted by the 2120  
resolution. 2121

(E) A board of township trustees that adopted a resolution 2122  
under section 5709.73 of the Revised Code prior to July 21, 2123  
1994, and that, with respect to property exempted under such 2124  
resolution, is a party to a hold-harmless or service agreement 2125  
with a board of education of a city, local, or exempted village 2126  
school district, within the territory of which such property is 2127  
located, may appropriate and expend unencumbered money in the 2128  
fund to pay current expenses for the continued maintenance of 2129  
public improvements or public infrastructure improvements 2130  
designated in that resolution, as such resolution has been 2131  
amended under division (K) of section 5709.73 of the Revised 2132  
Code. 2133



(F) Any unencumbered money remaining in the township 2134  
public improvement tax increment equivalent fund or an account 2135  
of that fund upon dissolution of the account or fund shall be 2136  
transferred to the general fund of the township. 2137

**Section 2.** That existing sections 349.03, 505.01, 505.04, 2138  
505.482, 507.11, 513.07, 513.071, 517.30, 519.04, 519.07, 2139  
519.12, 519.13, 519.15, 1509.07, 3375.121, 3501.021, 3709.03, 2140  
5541.04, 5553.04, 5705.121, 5705.19, 5709.73, and 5709.75 and 2141  
sections 711.25, 711.26, and 711.27 of the Revised Code are 2142  
hereby repealed. 2143

**Section 3.** That Sections 221.20 and 361.10 of Am. Sub. 2144  
H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly be amended to read as 2145  
follows: 2146

**Sec. 221.20.** OHIO CENTER FOR THE FUTURE OF FORENSIC 2147

Of the foregoing appropriation item 055321, Operating 2148  
Expenses, \$600,000 in each fiscal year shall be used for the 2149  
Ohio Center for the Future of Forensic Science at Bowling Green 2150  
State University. The purpose of the Center shall be to foster 2151  
forensic science research techniques (BCI Eminent Scholar) and 2152  
to create professional training opportunities to students (BCI 2153  
Scholars) in the forensic science fields. 2154

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM 2155

Of the foregoing appropriation item 055321, Operating 2156  
Expenses, \$100,000 in each fiscal year may be used by the 2157  
Attorney General for the purpose of providing funding to 2158  
domestic violence programs as defined in section 109.46 of the 2159  
Revised Code. 2160

ORGANIZED CRIME INVESTIGATIONS COMMISSION PILOT PROJECT 2161

Of the foregoing appropriation item 055321, Operating Expenses, \$50,000 in each fiscal year shall be used for a pilot project developing new investigatory tools for the Organized Crime Investigations Commission on behalf of task forces investigating drug trafficking and related criminal activity.

BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION RECORDS SYSTEM (BCIRS)  
LEASE RENTAL PAYMENTS

The foregoing appropriation item 055406, BCIRS Lease Rental Payments, shall be used for payments during the period from July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2019, pursuant to leases and agreements entered into pursuant to Section 701.40 of Am. Sub. S.B. 310 of the 131st General Assembly, with respect to financing the costs associated with the acquisition, development, installation, and implementation of the BCIRS. If it is determined that additional appropriations are necessary for this purpose, the amounts are hereby appropriated.

COUNTY SHERIFFS' PAY SUPPLEMENT

The foregoing appropriation item 055411, County Sheriffs' Pay Supplement, shall be used for the purpose of supplementing the annual compensation of county sheriffs as required by section 325.06 of the Revised Code.

At the request of the Attorney General, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer appropriation from appropriation item 055321, Operating Expenses, to appropriation item 055411, County Sheriffs' Pay Supplement. Any appropriation so transferred shall be used to supplement the annual compensation of county sheriffs as required by section 325.06 of the Revised Code.

COUNTY PROSECUTORS' PAY SUPPLEMENT

The foregoing appropriation item 055415, County Prosecutors' Pay Supplement, shall be used for the purpose of supplementing the annual compensation of certain county prosecutors as required by section 325.111 of the Revised Code.

At the request of the Attorney General, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer appropriation from appropriation item 055321, Operating Expenses, to appropriation item 055415, County Prosecutors' Pay Supplement. Any appropriation so transferred shall be used to supplement the annual compensation of county prosecutors as required by section 325.111 of the Revised Code.

BATTERED WOMEN'S SHELTER

Of the foregoing appropriation item 055501, Rape Crisis Centers, \$50,000 in each fiscal year shall be distributed directly to the Battered Women's Shelter of Summit and Medina counties for the cost of operating the commercial kitchen located at its Market Street Facility.

PIKE COUNTY CAPITAL CASE

The foregoing appropriation item 055505, Pike County Capital Case, shall be used to defray the cost of ongoing capital case litigation in Pike County.

CASH TRANSFER FROM THE CONTROLLING BOARD EMERGENCY PURPOSES/CONTINGENCIES FUND TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL REIMBURSEMENT FUND

On July 1, 2017, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management shall transfer \$3,500,000 cash from the Controlling Board Emergency Purposes/Contingencies Fund (Fund 5KM0) to the Attorney General Reimbursement Fund (Fund 1060).

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPERATING 2220

Of the foregoing appropriation item 055612, Attorney 2221  
General Operating, \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2018 shall be used 2222  
by the Attorney General to fund criminal laboratory case work 2223  
primarily related to opioid or other criminal cases submitted to 2224  
the Bureau of Criminal Investigation. 2225

Of the foregoing appropriation item 055612, Attorney 2226  
General Operating, \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2018 shall be used 2227  
to support each public forensic laboratory in Ohio that is 2228  
accredited in chemistry by The American Society of Crime 2229  
Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB) 2230  
or ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board (ANAB) to perform 2231  
chemistry laboratory work. The Attorney General shall distribute 2232  
the funds directly to such laboratories based on the 2233  
recommendation of the Forensic Science Institute of Ohio, 2234  
provided that no accredited laboratory shall receive less than 2235  
\$100,000. 2236

DRUG ABUSE RESPONSE TEAM GRANT PROGRAM 2237

The Attorney General shall establish the Drug Abuse 2238  
Response Team Grant Program for the purpose of replicating or 2239  
expanding successful law enforcement programs that address the 2240  
opioid epidemic similar to the Drug Abuse Response Team 2241  
established by the Lucas County Sheriff's Department, and the 2242  
Quick Response Teams established in Colerain Township's 2243  
Department of Public Safety in Hamilton County and Summit 2244  
County. Any grants awarded by this grant program may include 2245  
requirements for private or nonprofit matching support. 2246

The foregoing appropriation item 055431, Drug Abuse 2247  
Response Team Grants, shall be used by the Attorney General to 2248

fund grants to law enforcement or other government agencies; the 2249  
primary purpose of the grants shall be to replicate or expand 2250  
successful law enforcement programs that address the opioid 2251  
epidemic similar to the Drug Abuse Response Team established by 2252  
the Lucas County Sheriff's Department and the Quick Response 2253  
Teams established in Colerain Township's Department of Public 2254  
Safety in Hamilton County and Summit County. 2255

Each recipient of a grant under this program shall, within 2256  
six months of the end date of the grant, submit a written report 2257  
describing the outcomes that resulted from the grant to the 2258  
Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House 2259  
of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the Senate, and the 2260  
Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. 2261

WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION 2262

The Workers' Compensation Fund (Fund 1950) is entitled to 2263  
receive quarterly payments from the Bureau of Workers' 2264  
Compensation and the Ohio Industrial Commission to fund legal 2265  
services provided to the Bureau of Workers' Compensation and the 2266  
Ohio Industrial Commission during the fiscal year. 2267

In addition, the Bureau of Workers' Compensation shall 2268  
transfer payments for the support of the Workers' Compensation 2269  
Fraud Unit. 2270

All amounts shall be mutually agreed upon by the Attorney 2271  
General, the Bureau of Workers' Compensation, and the Ohio 2272  
Industrial Commission. 2273

GENERAL HOLDING ACCOUNT 2274

The foregoing appropriation item 055631, General Holding 2275  
Account, shall be used to distribute moneys under the terms of 2276  
relevant court orders or other settlements received in a variety 2277

of cases involving the Office of the Attorney General. If it is 2278  
determined that additional amounts are necessary for this 2279  
purpose, the amounts are hereby appropriated. 2280

ANTITRUST SETTLEMENTS 2281

The foregoing appropriation item 055632, Antitrust 2282  
Settlements, shall be used to distribute moneys under the terms 2283  
of relevant court orders or other out of court settlements in 2284  
antitrust cases or antitrust matters involving the Office of the 2285  
Attorney General. If it is determined that additional amounts 2286  
are necessary for this purpose, the amounts are hereby 2287  
appropriated. 2288

CONSUMER FRAUDS 2289

The foregoing appropriation item 055630, Consumer Frauds, 2290  
shall be used for distribution of moneys from court-ordered 2291  
judgments against sellers in actions brought by the Office of 2292  
the Attorney General under sections 1334.08 and 4549.48 and 2293  
division (B) of section 1345.07 of the Revised Code. These 2294  
moneys shall be used to provide restitution to consumers 2295  
victimized by the fraud that generated the court-ordered 2296  
judgments. If it is determined that additional amounts are 2297  
necessary for this purpose, the amounts are hereby appropriated. 2298

ORGANIZED CRIME COMMISSION DISTRIBUTIONS The foregoing 2299  
appropriation item 055601, Organized Crime Commission 2300  
Distributions, shall be used by the Organized Crime 2301  
Investigations Commission, as provided by section 177.011 of the 2302  
Revised Code, to reimburse political subdivisions for the 2303  
expenses the political subdivisions incur when their law 2304  
enforcement officers participate in an organized crime task 2305  
force. If it is determined that additional amounts are necessary 2306

for this purpose, the amounts are hereby appropriated.					2307
COLLECTION PAYMENT REDISTRIBUTION					2308
The foregoing appropriation item 055650, Collection					2309
Payment Redistribution, shall be used for the purpose of					2310
allocating the revenue where debtors mistakenly paid the client					2311
agencies instead of the Attorney General's Collections					2312
Enforcement Section. If it is determined that additional amounts					2313
are necessary for this purpose, the amounts are hereby					2314
appropriated.					2315
<b>Sec. 361.10. PEN PENSION SUBSIDIES</b>					2316
General Revenue Fund					2317
GRF	090524	Police and Fire	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	2318
		Disability Pension			2319
		Fund			2320
GRF	090534	Police and Fire	\$ 42,000	\$ 42,000	2321
		Ad Hoc Cost of			2322
		Living			2323
GRF	090554	Police and Fire	\$ 355,000	\$ 355,000	2324
		Survivor Benefits			2325
GRF	090575	Police and Fire	\$ 20,000,000	\$ <del>20,000,000</del>	2326
		Death Benefits		<u>25,500,000</u>	2327
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund			\$ 20,400,000	\$ <del>20,400,000</del>	2328
				<u>25,900,000</u>	2329
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$ 20,400,000	\$ <del>20,400,000</del>	2330

				<u>25,900,000</u>	2331
		POLICE AND FIRE DEATH BENEFIT FUND			2332
		The foregoing appropriation item 090575, Police and Fire			2333
		Death Benefits, shall be disbursed quarterly by the Treasurer of			2334
		State at the beginning of each quarter of each fiscal year to			2335
		the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund.			2336
		The Treasurer of State shall certify such amounts quarterly to			2337
		the Director of Budget and Management. By the twentieth day of			2338
		June of each fiscal year, the Board of Trustees of the Ohio			2339
		Police and Fire Pension Fund shall certify to the Treasurer of			2340
		State the amount disbursed in the current fiscal year to make			2341
		the payments required by section 742.63 of the Revised Code and			2342
		shall return to the Treasurer of State moneys received from this			2343
		appropriation item but not disbursed.			2344
		<b>Section 4.</b> That existing Sections 221.20 and 361.10 of Am.			2345
		Sub. H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly are hereby repealed.			2346
		<b>Section 5.</b> That Section 221.10 of Am. Sub. H.B. 49 of the			2347
		132nd General Assembly, as amended by Sub. H.B. 292 of the 132nd			2348
		General Assembly, be amended to read as follows:			2349
		<b>Sec. 221.10.</b> AGO ATTORNEY GENERAL			2350
		General Revenue Fund			2351
GRF	055321	Operating Expenses	\$ 40,958,461	\$ 40,958,461	2352
GRF	055405	Law-Related Education	\$ 68,950	\$ 68,950	2353
GRF	055406	BCIRS Lease Rental			2354
		Payments	\$ 2,513,600	\$ 2,512,900	2355
GRF	055411	County Sheriffs' Pay			2356
		Supplement	\$ 898,398	\$ 934,765	2357



GRF	055415	County Prosecutors'			2358
		Pay Supplement	\$ 1,149,517	\$ 1,206,989	2359
GRF	055431	Drug Abuse Response			2360
		Team Grants	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000	2361
GRF	055501	Rape Crisis Centers	\$ 1,550,000	\$ 1,550,000	2362
<u>GRF</u>	<u>055505</u>	<u>Pike County Capital</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 100,000</u>	2363
		<u>Case</u>			2364
TOTAL GRF		General Revenue Fund	\$ 48,638,926	\$ <del>48,732,065</del>	2365
				<u>48,832,065</u>	2366
		Dedicated Purpose Fund Group			2367
1060	055612	Attorney General			2368
		Operating	\$ 65,318,182	\$ 61,818,182	2369
4020	055616	Victims of Crime	\$ 20,624,291	\$ 20,624,291	2370
4170	055621	Domestic Violence			2371
		Shelter	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	2372
4180	055615	Charitable Foundations	\$ 8,286,000	\$ 8,286,000	2373
4190	055623	Claims Section	\$ 57,439,892	\$ 57,439,892	2374
4200	055603	Attorney General			2375
		Antitrust	\$ 2,432,925	\$ 2,432,925	2376
4210	055617	Police Officers'			2377
		Training Academy Fee	\$ 2,944,355	\$ 1,500,000	2378
4L60	055606	DARE Programs	\$ 3,814,289	\$ 3,814,289	2379

4Y70	055608	Title Defect Recision	\$ 613,751	\$ 613,751	2380
4Z20	055609	BCI Asset Forfeiture			2381
		and Cost Reimbursement	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,500,000	2382
5900	055633	Peace Officer Private			2383
		Security Training	\$ 95,325	\$ 95,325	2384
5A90	055618	Telemarketing Fraud			2385
		Enforcement	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	2386
5L50	055619	Law Enforcement			2387
		Assistance Program	\$ 9,377,803	\$ 0	2388
5LR0	055655	Peace Officer			2389
		Training - Casino	\$ 4,629,409	\$ 4,629,409	2390
5MP0	055657	Peace Officer Training			2391
		Commission	\$ 325,000	\$ 325,000	2392
5TL0	055659	Organized Crime Law			2393
		Enforcement Trust	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	2394
6310	055637	Consumer Protection			2395
		Enforcement	\$ 9,276,000	\$ 9,276,000	2396
6590	055641	Solid and Hazardous			2397
		Waste Background			2398
		Investigations	\$ 328,728	\$ 328,728	2399
U087	055402	Tobacco Settlement			2400
		Oversight,			2401

		Administration,			2402
		and Enforcement	\$ 2,650,000	\$ 2,650,000	2403
		TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund			2404
		Group	\$ 190,790,950	\$ 176,468,792	2405
		Internal Service Activity Fund Group			2406
1950	055660	Workers' Compensation			2407
		Section	\$ 8,778,072	\$ 8,778,072	2408
		TOTAL ISA Internal Service Activity			2409
		Fund Group	\$ 8,778,072	\$ 8,778,072	2410
		Holding Account Fund Group			2411
R004	055631	General Holding			2412
		Account	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	2413
R005	055632	Antitrust Settlements	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	2414
R018	055630	Consumer Frauds	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	2415
R042	055601	Organized Crime			2416
		Commission			2417
		Distributions	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	2418
R054	055650	Collection Payment			2419
		Redistribution	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 4,500,000	2420
		TOTAL HLD Holding Account Fund Group	\$ 8,250,000	\$ 8,250,000	2421
		Federal Fund Group			2422
3060	055620	Medicaid Fraud Control	\$ 8,961,419	\$ 8,961,419	2423

3830	055634	Crime Victims			2424
		Assistance	\$ 70,000,000	\$ 70,000,000	2425
3E50	055638	Attorney General			2426
		Pass-Through Funds	\$ 2,320,999	\$ 2,320,999	2427
3FV0	055656	Crime Victim			2428
		Compensation	\$ 3,155,000	\$ 3,155,000	2429
3R60	055613	Attorney General			2430
		Federal Funds	\$ 2,799,999	\$ 2,799,999	2431
TOTAL FED	Federal Fund Group		\$ 87,237,417	\$ 87,237,417	2432
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$ 343,695,365	\$ <del>329,466,346</del>	2433
				<u>329,566,346</u>	2434

**Section 6.** That existing Section 221.10 of Am. Sub. H.B. 2435  
49 of the 132nd General Assembly, as amended by Sub. H.B. 292 of 2436  
the 132nd General Assembly, is hereby repealed. 2437

**Section 7.** The Director of Budget and Management shall 2438  
determine, within 90 days after the effective date of this 2439  
section, whether a transfer from the GRF to the State Employee 2440  
Health Benefit Fund (Fund 8080) is necessary to implement the 2441  
provisions of division (C) of section 124.824 of the Revised 2442  
Code, as enacted by Sub. S.B. 296 of the 132nd General Assembly. 2443  
If the Director determines that such a transfer is necessary, 2444  
the Director may transfer up to \$1,000,000 cash during FY 2019 2445  
from the GRF to Fund 8080 to implement those provisions. 2446

**Section 8.** The General Assembly, applying the principle 2447  
stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that 2448  
amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of 2449

simultaneous operation, finds that the following sections, 2450  
presented in this act as composites of the sections as amended 2451  
by the acts indicated, are the resulting versions of the 2452  
sections in effect before the effective date of the sections as 2453  
presented in this act: 2454

Section 5705.19 of the Revised Code as amended by Sub. 2455  
H.B. 158, Am. Sub. H.B. 277, Sub. H.B. 413, and Am. Sub. H.B. 2456  
483, all of the 131st General Assembly. 2457

**Section 9.** Section 3501.021 of the Revised Code, as 2458  
amended by this act, shall take effect January 1, 2021. 2459