

AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

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

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

- (1) The name of the proposed new community authority;
- (2) The address where the principal office of the authority will be located or the manner in which the location will be selected;
- (3) A map and a full and accurate description of the boundaries of the new community district together with a description of the properties within such boundaries, if any, which will not be included in the new community district.

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

- (a) The district is wholly contained within municipal corporations.
- (b) More than one-half of the proposed district is, at the time of filing the petition under this section, contained within a joint economic development district created under sections 715.70 to 715.83 of the Revised Code.
- (4) A statement setting forth the zoning regulations proposed for zoning the area within the boundaries of the new community district for comprehensive development as a new community, and

if the area has been zoned for such development, a certified copy of the applicable zoning regulations therefor;

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

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

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

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

Upon the filing of such petition, the organizational board of commissioners shall determine whether such petition complies with the requirements of this section as to form and substance. 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, resolution, or motion the establishment of the proposed new community authority and does not deliver such ordinance, resolution, or motion to the clerk of the organizational board of commissioners with which the petition was filed within ninety days following the date of the first publication of the notice of the public hearing, the organizational board of commissioners shall cancel such public hearing and terminate the proceedings for the

establishment of the new community authority.

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

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

(B) At any time after the creation of a new community authority, the developer may file an application with the clerk of the organizational board of commissioners with which the original petition was filed, setting forth a general description of territory it desires to add or to delete from such district, that such change will be conducive to the public health, safety, convenience, and welfare, and will be consistent with the development of a new community and will not jeopardize the plan of the new community. If the developer is not a municipal corporation, port authority, or county, all of such an addition to such a district shall be owned by, or under the control through leases of at least seventy-five years' duration, options, or contracts to purchase, of the developer. Upon the filing of the application, the organizational board of commissioners shall follow the same procedure as required by this section in relation to the petition for the establishment of the proposed new community.

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

Sec. 505.01. In each township there shall be a board of township trustees consisting of three members. Two of such trustees shall be elected at the general election in nineteen forty-nine and quadrennially thereafter, in each township, who shall hold office for a term of four years, commencing on the first day of January next after their election. The third trustee shall be elected at the general election in nineteen fifty-one and quadrennially thereafter, in each township, who shall hold office for a term of four years, commencing on the first day of January next after ~~his~~ the person's election.

At the first meeting of the board each calender year, the board shall select one of its members

to serve as chairperson for a term of one year. If the position of chairperson becomes vacant, the board shall select one of its members to preside.

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

Sec. 505.482. (A) The boards of township trustees of any two or more contiguous townships, or the boards of township trustees of one or more contiguous townships and the legislative authorities of one or more contiguous municipal corporations, whether or not within the same county, by adoption of a joint resolution by a majority favorable vote of each such board and of the members of the legislative authority of each such municipal corporation, may form themselves into a joint police district comprising all or any part of the townships or municipal corporations as are mutually agreed upon. The governing body of the joint police district shall be a joint police district board, which shall include either all of the township trustees of each township and all of the members of the legislative authority of each municipal corporation in the district, as agreed to and established in the joint resolution creating the joint police district; or an odd number of members as agreed to and established in the joint resolution, as long as the members are representatives from each board of township trustees of each township and from the legislative authority of each municipal corporation in the joint police district.

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

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

Sec. 507.11. (A) The board of township trustees may authorize, by resolution, township officers and employees to incur obligations of ~~two ten thousand five hundred~~ dollars or less on behalf of the township, or it may authorize, by resolution, the township administrator to so authorize township officers and employees. The obligations incurred on behalf of the township by a township

officer or employee acting pursuant to any such resolution shall be subsequently approved by the adoption of a formal resolution of the board of township trustees.

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

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

Sec. 513.07. The boards of township trustees of any two or more contiguous townships, whether or not within the same county, may, by a two-thirds favorable vote of each such board, form themselves into a joint township district hospital board for the purpose of establishing, constructing, and maintaining a joint township district general hospital or other hospital facilities as defined in section 140.01 of the Revised Code, and such townships shall be a part of a joint township hospital district.

Such joint township district hospital board shall organize within thirty days after the favorable vote by the last board of trustees joining itself into the joint township district hospital board. The ~~president~~ chairperson of the board of township trustees of the most populous township participating shall give notice of the time and place of organization to each member of the board of township trustees of each township comprising the district. Such notice shall be signed by the ~~president~~ chairperson of the board of township trustees of the most populous township comprising the district, and shall be sent by registered mail to each member of the board of township trustees of the townships affected, at least five days prior to such organization meeting, which meeting shall be held in one of the participating townships. All members of the board of township trustees of the townships so participating shall comprise the joint township district hospital board. Two-thirds of all the township trustees of the townships constituting such district constitutes a quorum. Such members of the boards of township trustees shall, at the organization meeting of such joint township district hospital board, proceed with the election of a president, a secretary, and a treasurer, and such other officers as they deem proper and necessary, and shall transact such other business as properly comes before such board.

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

Sec. 513.071. A municipal corporation which is not at the time part of a joint township hospital district may, by a two-thirds favorable vote of its legislative authority, participate in the formation of a joint township district hospital board pursuant to section 513.07 of the Revised Code if it is contiguous to another municipal corporation contemplated to be included in the district, or contiguous to, or partly but not wholly within, a township contemplated to be included in the district, or may become a part of an established joint township hospital district pursuant to sections 513.11 and 513.18 of the Revised Code if it is contiguous to the district, or to a township or municipal corporation contiguous to the district which will at the same time become part of such district. So long as such municipal corporation remains a part of such district, it may not be included, as part of a township, in another joint township hospital district, but the remainder of such township may become part of a joint township hospital district pursuant to section 513.07, 513.11, or 513.18 of the Revised

Code. Each such municipal corporation shall be represented on the joint township district hospital board by the presiding officer of its legislative authority, who shall act as ~~president~~chairperson of a board of township trustees for the purposes of section 513.07 of the Revised Code, and by two members of such legislative authority to be appointed from time to time by the legislative authority and to serve for such term or terms as it prescribes. For the purpose of such representation such presiding officer and members shall be considered as a board of township trustees; but for all other purposes of sections 513.07 to 513.18, inclusive, of the Revised Code, the legislative authority shall be considered as the board of township trustees and shall perform the duties imposed on that board by such sections.

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

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

Sec. 517.30. A board of township trustees may erect a suitable monument to commemorate the members of the armed forces who died in the service of the United States or of this state. The board, by a majority vote, may appropriate and expend not more than ~~five~~fifty thousand dollars from township funds for the purpose of erecting the monument, according to plans and specifications furnished or approved by the board.

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

(B) Members of the zoning commission shall be removable for nonperformance of duty,

misconduct in office, or other cause by the board, upon written charges being filed with the board, after a public hearing has been held regarding ~~such the~~ charges, and after a copy of the charges has been served upon the member so charged at least ten days ~~prior to~~ before the hearing, either personally, by registered mail, or by leaving ~~such the~~ copy at the member's usual place of residence. The hearing shall occur within sixty days after the charges are filed. The member shall be given an opportunity to be heard and answer such the charges. Upon the approval of a majority of the board of township trustees, the member may be suspended from participating as a member of the zoning commission during the period of up to sixty days before the pending hearing on the removal. Vacancies shall be filled by the board and shall be for the unexpired term. A suspension authorized by this section is not a vacancy for purposes of this section.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

motion, or the date of the filing of such an application. Notice of the hearing shall be given by the commission by one publication in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the township at least ten days before the date of the hearing.

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

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

- (1) The name of the township zoning commission that will be conducting the hearing;
- (2) A statement indicating that the motion, resolution, or application is an amendment to the zoning resolution;
- (3) A list of the addresses of all properties to be rezoned or redistricted by the proposed amendment and of the names of owners of those properties, as they appear on the county auditor's current tax list;
- (4) The present zoning classification of property named in the proposed amendment and the proposed zoning classification of that property;
- (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;
- (6) The name of the person responsible for giving notice of the hearing by publication, by mail, or by both publication and mail;
- (7) A statement that, after the conclusion of the hearing, the matter will be submitted to the board of township trustees for its action;
- (8) Any other information requested by the commission.

(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:

- (1) The name of the township zoning commission that will be conducting the hearing on the proposed amendment;
- (2) A statement indicating that the motion, application, or resolution is an amendment to the zoning resolution;
- (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;
- (4) The name of the person responsible for giving notice of the hearing by publication;
- (5) A statement that, after the conclusion of the hearing, the matter will be submitted to the board of township trustees for its action;
- (6) Any other information requested by the commission.

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

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

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

~~(2) The township zoning commission, within thirty days after the hearing, shall recommend the approval or denial of the proposed amendment, or the approval of some modification of it, and submit that recommendation together with the motion, application, or resolution involved, the text and map pertaining to the proposed amendment, and the recommendation of the county or regional planning commission on it to the board of township trustees.~~

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

(F) If the proposed amendment intends to rezone or redistrict ten or fewer 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:

- (1) The name of the board of township trustees that will be conducting the hearing;
- (2) A statement indicating that the motion, application, or resolution is an amendment to the zoning resolution;
- (3) A list of the addresses of all properties to be rezoned or redistricted by the proposed amendment and of the names of owners of those properties, as they appear on the county auditor's current tax list;
- (4) The present zoning classification of property named in the proposed amendment and the proposed zoning classification of that property;
- (5) The time and place where the motion, application, or resolution proposing to amend the zoning resolution will be available for examination for a period of at least ten days prior to the hearing;
- (6) The name of the person responsible for giving notice of the hearing by publication, by mail, or by both publication and mail;
- (7) Any other information requested by the board.

(G) 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:

- (1) The name of the board of township trustees that will be conducting the hearing on the proposed amendment;
- (2) A statement indicating that the motion, application, or resolution is an amendment to the zoning resolution;
- (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;
- (4) The name of the person responsible for giving notice of the hearing by publication;
- (5) Any other information requested by the board.

(H) Within twenty days after its public hearing, the board of township trustees shall either adopt or deny the recommendations of the township zoning commission or adopt some modification of them. If the board denies or modifies the commission's recommendations, a majority vote of the board shall be required.

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

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

"PETITION FOR ZONING REFERENDUM

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

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

To the Board of Township Trustees of Township, County, Ohio:

We, the undersigned, being electors residing in the unincorporated area of Township, included within the Township Zoning Plan, equal to not less than eight per cent of the total vote cast for all candidates for governor in the area at the preceding general election at which a governor was elected, request the Board of Township Trustees to submit this amendment of the zoning resolution to the electors of Township residing within the unincorporated area of the township included in the Township Zoning Resolution, for approval or

rejection at a special election to be held on the day of the primary or general election to be held on(date)....., pursuant to section 519.12 of the Revised Code.

	Street Address				Date of
Signature	or R.F.D.	Township	Precinct	County	Signing

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STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I,(name of circulator)....., declare under penalty of election falsification that I am an elector of the state of Ohio and reside at the address appearing below my signature; that I am the circulator of the foregoing part petition containing(number)..... signatures; that I have witnessed the affixing of every signature; that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign; and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

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(Signature of circulator)

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(Address of circulator's permanent residence in this state)

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(City, village, or township, and zip code)

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE."

The petition shall be filed with the board of township trustees and shall be accompanied by an appropriate map of the area affected by the zoning proposal. Within two weeks after receiving a petition filed under this section, the board of township trustees shall certify the petition to the board of elections. A petition filed under this section shall be certified to the board of elections not less than ninety days prior to the election at which the question is to be voted upon.

The board of elections shall determine the sufficiency and validity of each petition certified to it by a board of township trustees under this section. If the board of elections determines that a petition is sufficient and valid, the question shall be voted upon at a special election to be held on the day of the next primary or general election that occurs at least ninety days after the date the petition is filed with the board of township trustees, regardless of whether any election will be held to nominate or elect candidates on that day.

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

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

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

Sec. 519.13. (A) In any township which adopts zoning regulations the board of township trustees shall appoint a township board of zoning appeals composed of five members who shall be residents of the unincorporated territory in the township included in the area zoned. The board of township trustees may appoint two alternate members to the township board of zoning appeals, for terms to be determined by the board of township trustees. An alternate member shall take the place of an absent regular member at any meeting of the board of zoning appeals, according to procedures prescribed by resolution by the board of township trustees. An alternate member shall meet the same appointment criteria as a regular member. When attending a meeting on behalf of an absent member, the alternate member may vote on any matter on which the absent member is authorized to vote. The terms of all regular members shall be of such length and so arranged that the term of one member will expire each year. Each regular or alternate member shall serve until the member's successor is appointed and qualified.

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

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

Sec. 519.15. The township board of zoning appeals shall organize and adopt rules in accordance with the zoning resolution. Meetings of the board of zoning appeals shall be held at the call of the chairperson, and at such other times as the board determines. The chairperson, or in the chairperson's absence the acting chairperson, may administer oaths, and the board of zoning appeals may compel the attendance of witnesses. All meetings of the board of zoning appeals shall be open to the public. The board of zoning appeals shall keep minutes of its proceedings showing the vote of each regular or alternate member upon each question, or, if absent or failing to vote, indicating such fact, and shall keep records of its examinations and other official actions, all of which shall be immediately filed in the office of the board of township trustees and be a public record.

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

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

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

Sec. 1509.07. (A)(1)(a) Except as provided in division (A)(1)(b) or (A)(2) of this section, an owner of any well, except an exempt Mississippian well or an exempt domestic well, shall obtain liability insurance coverage from a company authorized or approved to do business in this state in an amount of not less than one million dollars bodily injury coverage and property damage coverage to pay damages for injury to persons or damage to property caused by the drilling, operation, or plugging of all the owner's wells in this state. However, if any well is located within an urbanized area, the owner shall obtain liability insurance coverage in an amount of not less than three million dollars for bodily injury coverage and property damage coverage to pay damages for injury to persons or damage to property caused by the drilling, operation, or plugging of all of the owner's wells in this state.

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

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

(3) An owner shall maintain the coverage required under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section until all the owner's wells are plugged and abandoned or are transferred to an owner who has obtained insurance as required under this section and who is not under a notice of material and substantial violation or under a suspension order. The owner shall provide proof of liability insurance coverage to the chief of the division of oil and gas resources management upon request. Upon failure

of the owner to provide that proof when requested, the chief may order the suspension of any outstanding permits and operations of the owner until the owner provides proof of the required insurance coverage.

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

(2) The owner may deposit with the chief, instead of a surety bond, cash in an amount equal to the surety bond as prescribed pursuant to this section or negotiable certificates of deposit or irrevocable letters of credit, issued by any bank organized or transacting business in this state, having a cash value equal to or greater than the amount of the surety bond as prescribed pursuant to this section. Cash or certificates of deposit shall be deposited upon the same terms as those upon which surety bonds may be deposited. If certificates of deposit are deposited with the chief instead of a surety bond, the chief shall require the bank that issued any such certificate to pledge securities of a cash value equal to the amount of the certificate that is in excess of the amount insured by any of the agencies and instrumentalities created under the "Federal Deposit Insurance Act," 64 Stat. 873 (1950), 12 U.S.C. 1811, as amended, and regulations adopted under it, including at least the federal deposit insurance corporation. The securities shall be security for the repayment of the certificate of deposit.

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

(3) Instead of a surety bond, the chief may accept proof of financial responsibility consisting of a sworn financial statement showing a net financial worth within this state equal to twice the amount of the bond for which it substitutes and, as may be required by the chief, a list of producing properties of the owner within this state or other evidence showing ability and intent to comply with the law and rules concerning restoration and plugging that may be required by rule of the chief. The owner of an exempt Mississippian well is not required to file scheduled updates of the financial documents, but shall file updates of those documents if requested to do so by the chief. The owner of a nonexempt Mississippian well shall file updates of the financial documents in accordance with a schedule established by rule of the chief. The chief, upon determining that an owner for whom the chief has accepted proof of financial responsibility instead of bond cannot demonstrate financial responsibility, shall order that the owner execute and file a bond or deposit cash, certificates of deposit, or irrevocable letters of credit as required by this section for the wells specified in the order within ten days of receipt of the order. If the order is not complied with, all wells of the owner that are specified in the order and for which no bond is filed or cash, certificates of deposit, or letters of credit are deposited shall be plugged. No owner shall fail or refuse to plug such a well. Each day on which such a well remains unplugged thereafter constitutes a separate offense.

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

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

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

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

(C) An owner, operator, producer, or other person shall not operate a well or produce from a well at any time if the owner, operator, producer, or other person has not satisfied the requirements established in this section.

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

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

(B) In any municipal corporation that has a population of less than twenty-five thousand and that has not less than one hundred thousand dollars available from a bequest for the establishment of a municipal library, the legislative authority of that municipal corporation may adopt, within one year after June 20, 1977, a resolution creating a library district. Upon the establishment of any such library district, the board of trustees of any library operating a branch library in that municipal corporation shall not be required to transfer any property to the newly established library.

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

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

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

(E) A municipal corporation may establish and operate a free public library regardless of whether the municipal 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 if the president, the chief executive, or the ~~president of the board of township trustees~~ chairperson is unable to attend any meeting of the district advisory council. When attending a meeting on behalf of a council member, the alternate may vote on any matter on which the member is authorized to vote.

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

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

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

- (1) The director of health;
- (2) The board of health;
- (3) The lesser of five or a majority of district advisory council members.

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

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

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

Not later than thirty days after an executive committee is organized, the committee shall meet and the council chair shall present to the committee the matter of appointing a member of the board of health. The committee shall appoint the board member by majority affirmative vote. In the case of a combined health district, the executive committee shall appoint only members of the board of health that are to be appointed by the district advisory council, unless the contract for administration of health affairs in the combined district provides otherwise. If a majority affirmative vote is not reached within thirty days after the executive committee is organized, the director of health shall appoint the member of the board of health under the authority conferred by section 3709.03 of the Revised Code.

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

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

A copy of such resolution shall be certified to the county engineer, the county recorder, and

the county auditor, who shall all change their records accordingly, but still retain in some manner the old name of the road.

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

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

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

~~When~~ Subject to division (B) of this section, when a petition, signed by at least twelve freeholders of the county residing in the vicinity of the proposed improvement, or signed by the owner of the right to mine coal lying under or adjacent to the proposed improvement, is presented to the board requesting the board to locate, establish, alter, widen, straighten, vacate, or change the direction of a public road, the board shall view the location of the proposed improvement, and, if it is of the opinion that it will be for the public convenience or welfare to make the improvement, it may proceed to make the improvement as provided in sections 5553.04 to 5553.16 of the Revised Code. The petition shall set forth the general route and termini of the road, or part of the road, to be located, established, or vacated, or the general manner in which the road is to be altered, widened, or straightened, or the direction of the road is to be changed. When the board declares by resolution its intention to proceed with the improvement, it also may provide in the resolution for the establishment of an appropriate detour route or for the temporary closing of the road to be improved. When the petition presented to the board for a proposed improvement as provided in this section is a petition signed by the owner of the right to mine coal lying under or adjacent to the proposed improvement, that petitioner shall pay the costs and expenses incurred by the board in connection with the proceedings initiated by the petition, and the costs and expenses of making the improvement including compensation and damages, and including the cost of relocation of any conduits, cables, wires, towers, poles, or other equipment or appliances of any public utility or electric cooperative as defined in section 4928.01 of the Revised Code, located on, over, or under the portion of the road affected by the improvement, and, on demand by the board, shall give bond to the satisfaction of the board in the amount the board determines to secure the payment of all of those costs and expenses.

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

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

fund. A-

A township may establish by law a cemetery fund.

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

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

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

(A) For current expenses of the subdivision, except that the total levy for current expenses of a detention facility district or district organized under section 2151.65 of the Revised Code shall not exceed two mills and that the total levy for current expenses of a combined district organized under sections 2151.65 and 2152.41 of the Revised Code shall not exceed four mills;

(B) For the payment of debt charges on certain described bonds, notes, or certificates of indebtedness of the subdivision issued subsequent to January 1, 1925;

(C) For the debt charges on all bonds, notes, and certificates of indebtedness issued and authorized to be issued prior to January 1, 1925;

(D) For a public library of, or supported by, the subdivision under whatever law organized or authorized to be supported;

(E) For a municipal university, not to exceed two mills over the limitation of one mill prescribed in section 3349.13 of the Revised Code;

(F) For the construction or acquisition of any specific permanent improvement or class of improvements that the taxing authority of the subdivision may include in a single bond issue;

(G) For the general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads, and bridges in municipal corporations, counties, or townships;

(H) For parks and recreational purposes;

(I) For providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire

department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs;

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

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

(L) For community developmental disabilities programs and services pursuant to Chapter 5126. of the Revised Code, except that such levies shall be subject to the procedures and requirements of section 5705.222 of the Revised Code;

(M) For regional planning;

(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;

(O) For providing for flood defense, providing and maintaining a flood wall or pumps, and other purposes to prevent floods;

(P) For maintaining and operating sewage disposal plants and facilities;

(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;

(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;

(S) For the prevention, control, and abatement of air pollution;

(T) For maintaining and operating cemeteries;

(U) For providing ambulance service, emergency medical service, or both;

(V) For providing for the collection and disposal of garbage or refuse, including yard waste;

(W) For the payment of the police officer employers' contribution or the firefighter employers' contribution required under sections 742.33 and 742.34 of the Revised Code;

(X) For the construction and maintenance of a drainage improvement pursuant to section 6131.52 of the Revised Code;

(Y) For providing or maintaining senior citizens services or facilities as authorized by section 307.694, 307.85, 505.70, or 505.706 or division (EE) of section 717.01 of the Revised Code;

(Z) For the provision and maintenance of zoological park services and facilities as authorized under section 307.76 of the Revised Code;

(AA) For the maintenance and operation of a free public museum of art, science, or history;

(BB) For the establishment and operation of a 9-1-1 system, as defined in section 128.01 of

the Revised Code;

(CC) For the purpose of acquiring, rehabilitating, or developing rail property or rail service. As used in this division, "rail property" and "rail service" have the same meanings as in section 4981.01 of the Revised Code. This division applies only to a county, township, or municipal corporation.

(DD) For the purpose of acquiring property for, constructing, operating, and maintaining community centers as provided for in section 755.16 of the Revised Code;

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

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

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

(HH) For a board of township trustees to acquire, other than by appropriation, an ownership interest in land, water, or wetlands, or to restore or maintain land, water, or wetlands in which the board has an ownership interest, not for purposes of recreation, but for the purposes of protecting and preserving the natural, scenic, open, or wooded condition of the land, water, or wetlands against modification or encroachment resulting from occupation, development, or other use, which may be styled as protecting or preserving "greenspace" in the resolution, notice of election, or ballot form. Except as otherwise provided in this division, land is not acquired for purposes of recreation, even if the land is used for recreational purposes, so long as no building, structure, or fixture used for recreational purposes is permanently attached or affixed to the land. Except as otherwise provided in this division, land that previously has been acquired in a township for these greenspace purposes may subsequently be used for recreational purposes if the board of township trustees adopts a resolution approving that use and no building, structure, or fixture used for recreational purposes is permanently attached or affixed to the land. The authorization to use greenspace land for recreational use does not apply to land located in a township that had a population, at the time it passed its first greenspace levy, of more than thirty-eight thousand within a county that had a population, at that time, of at least eight hundred sixty thousand.

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

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

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

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

(MM) For the purpose of maintaining and operating a jail or other detention facility as defined in section 2921.01 of the Revised Code;

(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.

(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;

(PP) For both of the purposes set forth in divisions (G) and (OO) of this section.

(QQ) For both of the purposes set forth in divisions (H) and (HH) of this section. This division applies only to a township.

(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.

(SS) For both of the purposes set forth in divisions (BB) and (KK) of this section. This division applies only to a county.

(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.

(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 county facilities, or for the acquisition of or improvements to land. This division applies only to a county.

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

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

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

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

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

(b) For providing 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 under both of those sections.

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

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

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

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

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

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

A resolution of a detention facility district, a district organized under section 2151.65 of the Revised Code, or a combined district organized under both sections 2151.65 and 2152.41 of the Revised Code may include both current expenses and other purposes, provided that the resolution shall apportion the annual rate of levy between the current expenses and the other purpose or purposes. The apportionment need not be the same for each year of the levy, but the respective portions of the rate actually levied each year for the current expenses and the other purpose or purposes shall be limited by the apportionment.

Whenever a board of county commissioners, acting either as the taxing authority of its county

or as the taxing authority of a sewer district or subdistrict created under Chapter 6117. of the Revised Code, by resolution declares it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of constructing, improving, or extending sewage disposal plants or sewage systems, the tax may be in effect for any number of years not exceeding twenty, and the proceeds of the tax, notwithstanding the general provisions of this section, may be used to pay debt charges on any obligations issued and outstanding on behalf of the subdivision for the purposes enumerated in this paragraph, provided that any such obligations have been specifically described in the resolution.

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

A levy for the purpose set forth in division (BB) of this section may be imposed in all or a portion of the territory of a subdivision. If the 9-1-1 system to be established and operated with levy funds excludes territory located within the subdivision, the resolution adopted under this section, or a resolution proposing to renew such a levy that was imposed in all of the territory of the subdivision, may describe the area served or to be served by the system and specify that the proposed tax would be imposed only in the areas receiving or to receive the service. Upon passage of such a resolution, the board of elections shall submit the question of the tax levy only to those electors residing in the area or areas in which the tax would be imposed. If the 9-1-1 system would serve the entire subdivision, the resolution shall not exclude territory from the tax levy.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(4) "Incentive district" has the same meaning as in section 5709.40 of the Revised Code,

except that a blighted area is in the unincorporated area of a township.

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

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

(B) A board of township trustees may, by unanimous vote, adopt a resolution that declares to be a public purpose any public infrastructure improvements made that are necessary for the development of certain parcels of land located in the unincorporated area of the township. Except with the approval under division (D) of this section of the board of education of each city, local, or exempted village school district within which the improvements are located, the resolution may exempt from real property taxation not more than seventy-five per cent of further improvements to a parcel of land that directly benefits from the public infrastructure improvements, for a period of not more than ten years. The resolution shall specify the percentage of the further improvements to be exempted and the life of the exemption.

(C)(1) A board of township trustees may adopt, by unanimous vote, a resolution creating an incentive district and declaring improvements to parcels within the district to be a public purpose and, except as provided in division (C)(2) of this section, exempt from taxation as provided in this section, but no board of township trustees of a township that has a population that exceeds twenty-five thousand, as shown by the most recent federal decennial census, shall adopt a resolution that creates an incentive district if the sum of the taxable value of real property in the proposed district for the preceding tax year and the taxable value of all real property in the township that would have been taxable in the preceding year were it not for the fact that the property was in an existing incentive district and therefore exempt from taxation exceeds twenty-five per cent of the taxable value of real property in the township for the preceding tax year. The district shall be located within the unincorporated area of the township and shall not include any territory that is included within a district created under division (B) of section 5709.78 of the Revised Code. The resolution shall delineate the boundary of the proposed district and specifically identify each parcel within the district. A proposed district may not include any parcel that is or has been exempted from taxation under division (B) of this section or that is or has been within another district created under this division. A resolution may create more than one such district, and more than one resolution may be adopted under division (C)(1) of this section.

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

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

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

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

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

(c) Before adopting a resolution under division (C)(1) of this section, the board shall amend the resolution to exclude any parcel for which a written response has been submitted under division (C)(2)(b) of this section. A township shall not apply for exemptions from taxation under section 5709.911 of the Revised Code for any such parcel, and service payments may not be required from the owner of the parcel. Improvements to a parcel excluded from an incentive district under this division may be exempted from taxation under division (B) of this section pursuant to a resolution adopted under that division or under any other section of the Revised Code under which the parcel qualifies.

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

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

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

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

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

(D) Improvements with respect to a parcel may be exempted from taxation under division (B) of this section, and improvements to parcels within an incentive district may be exempted from taxation under division (C) of this section, for up to ten years or, with the approval of the board of education of the city, local, or exempted village school district within which the parcel or district is located, for up to thirty years. The percentage of the improvements exempted from taxation may, with such approval, exceed seventy-five per cent, but shall not exceed one hundred per cent. Not later than forty-five business days prior to adopting a resolution under this section declaring improvements to be a public purpose that is subject to approval by a board of education under this division, the board of township trustees shall deliver to the board of education a notice stating its intent to adopt a resolution making that declaration. The notice regarding improvements with respect to a parcel under division (B) of this section shall identify the parcels for which improvements are to be exempted from taxation, provide an estimate of the true value in money of the improvements, specify the period for which the improvements would be exempted from taxation and the percentage of the improvements that would be exempted, and indicate the date on which the board of township trustees intends to adopt the resolution. The notice regarding improvements made under division (C) of this section to parcels within an incentive district shall delineate the boundaries of the district, specifically identify each parcel within the district, identify each anticipated improvement in the district, provide an estimate of the true value in money of each such improvement, specify the life of the district and the percentage of improvements that would be exempted, and indicate the date on which the board of township trustees intends to adopt the resolution. The board of education, by resolution adopted by a majority of the board, may approve the exemption for the period or for the exemption percentage specified in the notice; may disapprove the exemption for the number of years in excess of ten, may disapprove the exemption for the percentage of the improvements to be exempted in excess of seventy-five per cent, or both; or 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 a percentage of the amount of taxes exempted in the eleventh and subsequent years of the exemption period or, in the case of exemption percentages in excess of seventy-five per cent, compensation equal in value to a percentage of the taxes that would be payable

on the portion of the improvements in excess of seventy-five per cent were that portion to be subject to taxation, or other mutually agreeable compensation.

The board of education shall certify its resolution to the board of township trustees not later than fourteen days prior to the date the board of township trustees intends to adopt the resolution as indicated in the notice. If the board of education and the board of township trustees negotiate a mutually acceptable compensation agreement, the resolution may declare the improvements a public purpose for the number of years specified in the resolution or, in the case of exemption percentages in excess of seventy-five per cent, for the exemption percentage specified in the resolution. In either case, if the board of education and the board of township trustees fail to negotiate a mutually acceptable compensation agreement, the resolution may declare the improvements a public purpose for not more than ten years, and shall not exempt more than seventy-five per cent of the improvements from taxation. If the board of education fails to certify a resolution to the board of township trustees within the time prescribed by this section, the board of township trustees thereupon may adopt the resolution and may declare the improvements a public purpose for up to thirty years or, in the case of exemption percentages proposed in excess of seventy-five per cent, for the exemption percentage specified in the resolution. The board of township trustees may adopt the resolution at any time after the board of education certifies its resolution approving the exemption to the board of township trustees, or, if the board of education approves the exemption on the condition that a mutually acceptable compensation agreement be negotiated, at any time after the compensation agreement is agreed to by the board of education and the board of township trustees. If a mutually acceptable compensation agreement is negotiated between the board of township trustees and the board of education, including agreements for payments in lieu of taxes under section 5709.74 of the Revised Code, the board of township trustees shall compensate the joint vocational school district within which the parcel or district is located at the same rate and under the same terms received by the city, local, or exempted village school district.

If a board of education has adopted a resolution waiving its right to approve exemptions from taxation under this section and the resolution remains in effect, approval of such exemptions by the board of education is not required under division (D) of this section. If a board of education has adopted a resolution allowing a board of township trustees to deliver the notice required under division (D) of this section fewer than forty-five business days prior to adoption of the resolution by the board of township trustees, the board of township trustees shall deliver the notice to the board of education not later than the number of days prior to the adoption as prescribed by the board of education in its resolution. If a board of education adopts a resolution waiving its right to approve exemptions or shortening the notification period, the board of education shall certify a copy of the resolution to the board of township trustees. If the board of education rescinds the resolution, it shall certify notice of the rescission to the board of township trustees.

If the board of township trustees is not required by division (D) of this section to notify the board of education of the board of township trustees' intent to declare improvements to be a public purpose, 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 the resolution making that declaration, unless the board of education has adopted a resolution under that section waiving its right to receive the notice.

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

(2) The board of county commissioners, by resolution adopted by a majority of the board, may object to the exemption for the number of years in excess of ten, may object to the exemption for the percentage of the improvement to be exempted in excess of seventy-five per cent, or both. If the board of county commissioners objects, the board may negotiate a mutually acceptable compensation agreement with the board of township trustees. In no case shall the compensation provided to the board of county commissioners exceed the property taxes foregone due to the exemption. If the board of county commissioners objects, and the board of county commissioners and board of township trustees fail to negotiate a mutually acceptable compensation agreement, the resolution adopted under division (C)(1) of this section shall provide to the board of county commissioners compensation in the eleventh and subsequent years of the exemption period equal in value to not more than fifty per cent of the taxes that would be payable to the county or, if the board of county commissioner's objection includes an objection to an exemption percentage in excess of seventy-five per cent, compensation equal in value to not more than fifty per cent of the taxes that would be payable to the county, on the portion of the improvement in excess of seventy-five per cent, were that portion to be subject to taxation. The board of county commissioners shall certify its resolution to the board of township trustees not later than thirty days after receipt of the notice.

(3) If the board of county commissioners does not object or fails to certify its resolution objecting to an exemption within thirty days after receipt of the notice, the board of township trustees may adopt its resolution, and no compensation shall be provided to the board of county commissioners. If the board of county commissioners timely certifies its resolution objecting to the trustees' resolution, the board of township trustees may adopt its resolution at any time after a mutually acceptable compensation agreement is agreed to by the board of county commissioners and the board of township trustees, or, if no compensation agreement is negotiated, at any time after the board of township trustees agrees in the proposed resolution to provide compensation to the board of county commissioners of fifty per cent of the taxes that would be payable to the county in the eleventh and subsequent years of the exemption period or on the portion of the improvement in excess of seventy-five per cent, were that portion to be subject to taxation.

(F) Service payments in lieu of taxes that are attributable to any amount by which the effective tax rate of either a renewal levy with an increase or a replacement levy exceeds the effective tax rate of the levy renewed or replaced, or that are attributable to an additional levy, for a levy authorized by the voters for any of the following purposes on or after January 1, 2006, and which are

provided pursuant to a resolution creating an incentive district under division (C)(1) of this section that is adopted on or after January 1, 2006, or a later date as specified in this division, shall be distributed to the appropriate taxing authority as required under division (C) of section 5709.74 of the Revised Code in an amount equal to the amount of taxes from that additional levy or from the increase in the effective tax rate of such renewal or replacement levy that would have been payable to that taxing authority from the following levies were it not for the exemption authorized under division (C) of this section:

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

(2) A tax levied under division (Y) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code for providing or maintaining senior citizens services or facilities;

(3) A tax levied under section 5705.22 of the Revised Code for county hospitals;

(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;

(5) A tax levied under section 5705.23 of the Revised Code for library purposes;

(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;

(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;

(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;

(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;

(10) A tax levied under section 1545.20 or 1545.21 of the Revised Code for park district purposes;

(11) A tax levied under section 5705.191 of the Revised Code for the purpose of making appropriations for public assistance; human or social services; public relief; public welfare; public health and hospitalization; and support of general hospitals;

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

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

(G) An exemption from taxation granted under this section commences with the tax year specified in the resolution so long as the year specified in the resolution commences after the effective date of the resolution. If the resolution specifies a year commencing before the effective date of the resolution or specifies no year whatsoever, the exemption commences with the tax year in

which an exempted improvement first appears on the tax list and duplicate of real and public utility property and that commences after the effective date of the resolution. In lieu of stating a specific year, the resolution may provide that the exemption commences in the tax year in which the value of an improvement exceeds a specified amount or in which the construction of one or more improvements is completed, provided that such tax year commences after the effective date of the resolution. With respect to the exemption of improvements to parcels under division (B) of this section, the resolution may allow for the exemption to commence in different tax years on a parcel-by-parcel basis, with a separate exemption term specified for each parcel.

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

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

(I) The township, not later than fifteen days after the adoption of a resolution under this section, shall submit to the director of development services a copy of the resolution. On or before the thirty-first day of March of each year, the township shall submit a status report to the director of development services. The report shall indicate, in the manner prescribed by the director, the progress of the project during each year that the exemption remains in effect, including a summary of the receipts from service payments in lieu of taxes; expenditures of money from the fund created under section 5709.75 of the Revised Code; a description of the public infrastructure improvements and

housing renovations financed with the expenditures; and a quantitative summary of changes in private investment resulting from each project.

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

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

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

(L) Notwithstanding the limitation prescribed by division (D) of this section on the number of years that improvements to 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 adopted a resolution under that section waiving its right to receive the notice. Not later

than fourteen days before adopting an amendment authorized under this division, the board of township trustees shall deliver a notice identical to a notice required under section 5709.83 of the Revised Code to the board of county commissioners of each county in which the exempted parcels are located.

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

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) or (D) of this section, money deposited in an account of the township public improvement tax increment equivalent fund shall be used by the township to pay the costs of public infrastructure improvements designated in or the housing renovations authorized by the resolution with respect to which the account is established, including any interest on and principal of the notes; in the case of an account established with respect to a resolution adopted under division (C) of that section, money in the account shall be used to finance the public infrastructure improvements designated, or the housing renovations authorized, for each incentive district created in the resolution. Money in an account shall not be used to finance or support housing renovations that take place after the incentive district has expired.

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

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

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

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

(2) Money from an account in a township public improvement tax increment equivalent fund may be distributed under division (C)(1)(b) of this section, regardless of the date a resolution was adopted under section 5709.73 of the Revised Code that prompted the establishment of the account, even if the resolution was adopted prior to March 30, 2006.

(D) A board of township trustees that adopted a resolution under section 5709.73 of the Revised Code and that, with respect to property exempted under such a resolution, is party to a hold-harmless or service agreement, may appropriate and expend unencumbered money in the fund to pay current public safety expenses of the township. A township appropriating and expending money under this division shall reimburse the fund for the sum so appropriated and expended not later than

the day the exemption granted under the resolution expires. For the purposes of this division, a "hold-harmless agreement" is an agreement with the board of education of a city, local, or exempted village school district under which the board of township trustees agrees to compensate the school district for one hundred per cent of the tax revenue the school district would have received from improvements to parcels designated in the resolution were it not for the exemption granted by the resolution.

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

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

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

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

Sec. 221.20. OHIO CENTER FOR THE FUTURE OF FORENSIC

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

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM

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

ORGANIZED CRIME INVESTIGATIONS COMMISSION PILOT PROJECT

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

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

Of the foregoing appropriation item 055612, Attorney General Operating, \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2018 shall be used to support each public forensic laboratory in Ohio that is accredited in

chemistry by The American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB) or ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board (ANAB) to perform chemistry laboratory work. The Attorney General shall distribute the funds directly to such laboratories based on the recommendation of the Forensic Science Institute of Ohio, provided that no accredited laboratory shall receive less than \$100,000.

DRUG ABUSE RESPONSE TEAM GRANT PROGRAM

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

The foregoing appropriation item 055431, Drug Abuse Response Team Grants, shall be used by the Attorney General to fund grants to law enforcement or other government agencies; the primary purpose of the grants shall be to replicate or expand successful law enforcement programs that address the opioid epidemic similar to the Drug Abuse Response Team established by the Lucas County Sheriff's Department and the Quick Response Teams established in Colerain Township's Department of Public Safety in Hamilton County and Summit County.

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

WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION

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

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

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

GENERAL HOLDING ACCOUNT

The foregoing appropriation item 055631, General Holding Account, shall be used to distribute moneys under the terms of relevant court orders or other settlements received in a variety of cases involving the Office of the Attorney General. If it is determined that additional amounts are necessary for this purpose, the amounts are hereby appropriated.

ANTITRUST SETTLEMENTS

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

CONSUMER FRAUDS

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

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

COLLECTION PAYMENT REDISTRIBUTION

The foregoing appropriation item 055650, Collection Payment Redistribution, shall be used for the purpose of allocating the revenue where debtors mistakenly paid the client agencies instead of the Attorney General's Collections Enforcement Section. If it is determined that additional amounts are necessary for this purpose, the amounts are hereby appropriated.

Sec. 361.10. PEN PENSION SUBSIDIES

General Revenue Fund

GRF	090524	Police and Fire	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
		Disability Pension		
		Fund		
GRF	090534	Police and Fire	\$ 42,000	\$ 42,000
		Ad Hoc Cost of		
		Living		
GRF	090554	Police and Fire	\$ 355,000	\$ 355,000
		Survivor Benefits		
GRF	090575	Police and Fire	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 20,000,000
		Death Benefits		<u>25,500,000</u>
TOTAL GRF	General Revenue Fund		\$ 20,400,000	\$ 20,400,000
				<u>25,900,000</u>
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$ 20,400,000	\$ 20,400,000
				<u>25,900,000</u>

POLICE AND FIRE DEATH BENEFIT FUND

The foregoing appropriation item 090575, Police and Fire Death Benefits, shall be disbursed quarterly by the Treasurer of State at the beginning of each quarter of each fiscal year to the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund. The Treasurer of State shall certify such amounts quarterly to the Director of Budget and Management. By the twentieth day of June of each fiscal

year, the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund shall certify to the Treasurer of State the amount disbursed in the current fiscal year to make the payments required by section 742.63 of the Revised Code and shall return to the Treasurer of State moneys received from this appropriation item but not disbursed.

SECTION 4. That existing Sections 221.20 and 361.10 of Am. Sub. H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. That Section 221.10 of Am. Sub. H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly, as amended by Sub. H.B. 292 of the 132nd General Assembly, be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 221.10. AGO ATTORNEY GENERAL

General Revenue Fund

GRF	055321	Operating Expenses	\$ 40,958,461	\$ 40,958,461
GRF	055405	Law-Related Education	\$ 68,950	\$ 68,950
GRF	055406	BCIRS Lease Rental		
		Payments	\$ 2,513,600	\$ 2,512,900
GRF	055411	County Sheriffs' Pay		
		Supplement	\$ 898,398	\$ 934,765
GRF	055415	County Prosecutors'		
		Pay Supplement	\$ 1,149,517	\$ 1,206,989
GRF	055431	Drug Abuse Response		
		Team Grants	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000
GRF	055501	Rape Crisis Centers	\$ 1,550,000	\$ 1,550,000
GRF	<u>055505</u>	<u>Pike County Capital</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 100,000</u>

Case

TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund			\$ 48,638,926	\$ 48,732,065
				<u>48,832,065</u>

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

1060	055612	Attorney General		
		Operating	\$ 65,318,182	\$ 61,818,182
4020	055616	Victims of Crime	\$ 20,624,291	\$ 20,624,291
4170	055621	Domestic Violence		
		Shelter	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
4180	055615	Charitable Foundations	\$ 8,286,000	\$ 8,286,000

4190	055623	Claims Section	\$ 57,439,892	\$ 57,439,892
4200	055603	Attorney General		
		Antitrust	\$ 2,432,925	\$ 2,432,925
4210	055617	Police Officers'		
		Training Academy Fee	\$ 2,944,355	\$ 1,500,000
4L60	055606	DARE Programs	\$ 3,814,289	\$ 3,814,289
4Y70	055608	Title Defect Recision	\$ 613,751	\$ 613,751
4Z20	055609	BCI Asset Forfeiture		
		and Cost Reimbursement	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,500,000
5900	055633	Peace Officer Private		
		Security Training	\$ 95,325	\$ 95,325
5A90	055618	Telemarketing Fraud		
		Enforcement	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
5L50	055619	Law Enforcement		
		Assistance Program	\$ 9,377,803	\$ 0
5LR0	055655	Peace Officer		
		Training - Casino	\$ 4,629,409	\$ 4,629,409
5MP0	055657	Peace Officer Training		
		Commission	\$ 325,000	\$ 325,000
5TL0	055659	Organized Crime Law		
		Enforcement Trust	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
6310	055637	Consumer Protection		
		Enforcement	\$ 9,276,000	\$ 9,276,000
6590	055641	Solid and Hazardous		
		Waste Background		
		Investigations	\$ 328,728	\$ 328,728
U087	055402	Tobacco Settlement		
		Oversight,		
		Administration,		
		and Enforcement	\$ 2,650,000	\$ 2,650,000
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund				
Group			\$ 190,790,950	\$ 176,468,792
Internal Service Activity Fund Group				

1950	055660	Workers' Compensation		
		Section	\$ 8,778,072	\$ 8,778,072
TOTAL ISA Internal Service Activity				
		Fund Group	\$ 8,778,072	\$ 8,778,072
Holding Account Fund Group				
R004	055631	General Holding		
		Account	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
R005	055632	Antitrust Settlements	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
R018	055630	Consumer Frauds	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
R042	055601	Organized Crime		
		Commission		
		Distributions	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000
R054	055650	Collection Payment		
		Redistribution	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 4,500,000
TOTAL HLD Holding Account Fund Group			\$ 8,250,000	\$ 8,250,000
Federal Fund Group				
3060	055620	Medicaid Fraud Control	\$ 8,961,419	\$ 8,961,419
3830	055634	Crime Victims		
		Assistance	\$ 70,000,000	\$ 70,000,000
3E50	055638	Attorney General		
		Pass-Through Funds	\$ 2,320,999	\$ 2,320,999
3FV0	055656	Crime Victim		
		Compensation	\$ 3,155,000	\$ 3,155,000
3R60	055613	Attorney General		
		Federal Funds	\$ 2,799,999	\$ 2,799,999
TOTAL FED Federal Fund Group			\$ 87,237,417	\$ 87,237,417
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$ 343,695,365	\$ 329,466,346
				<u>329,566,346</u>

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

SECTION 7. The Director of Budget and Management shall determine, within 90 days after the

effective date of this section, whether a transfer from the GRF to the State Employee Health Benefit Fund (Fund 8080) is necessary to implement the provisions of division (C) of section 124.824 of the Revised Code, as enacted by Sub. S.B. 296 of the 132nd General Assembly. If the Director determines that such a transfer is necessary, the Director may transfer up to \$1,000,000 cash during FY 2019 from the GRF to Fund 8080 to implement those provisions.

SECTION 8. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, finds that the following sections, presented in this act as composites of the sections as amended by the acts indicated, are the resulting versions of the sections in effect before the effective date of the sections as presented in this act:

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

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

Speaker _____ *of the House of Representatives.*

President _____ *of the Senate.*

Passed _____, 20____

Approved _____, 20____

Governor.

The section numbering of law of a general and permanent nature is complete and in conformity with the Revised Code.

Director, Legislative Service Commission.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio, on the ____ day of _____, A. D. 20 ____.

Secretary of State.

File No. _____ Effective Date _____