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SUMMARY

- Expands eligibility for county sewer discounted rates or charges or rate reductions to apply to persons who are any of the following (1) 65 years of age or older, (2) low- and moderate-income persons, or (3) experiencing temporary hardship.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

County sewer discounted rates or charges

The bill expands eligibility for county sewer discounted rates or charges or other rate reduction mechanisms that a board of county commissioners is permitted to establish under continuing law. Under the bill, the board may establish discounted rates or charges or rate reductions for persons who are any of the following:

- 65 years of age or older;
- Low- and moderate-income persons;
- Experiencing temporary hardship.

Under current law, the discounted rates or charges or rate reductions may be provided to persons who are 65 years of age or older and who meet eligibility requirements established by the board, including a requirement that a person is eligible for the homestead exemption or qualifies as a low- and moderate-income person.¹

Low- and moderate-income persons

Continuing law defines “low- and moderate-income persons” as individuals and families who qualify as low- and moderate-income persons under guidelines established by the Ohio

¹ R.C. 6117.02(F).

Housing Finance Agency (OHFA). OHFA may determine, and periodically review, who are low- and moderate-income persons by establishing income limits. The income limits are determined by considering the amount of income available for housing, family size, the cost and condition of available housing, ability to pay the amounts the private market charges for decent, safe, and sanitary housing without federal subsidy or state assistance, and the income eligibility standards of federal programs. Income limits may vary from area to area within Ohio.²

HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	03-16-23

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² R.C. 175.01(P), 175.05(B)(1), and 6117.01(A)(12), not in the bill.