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**Am. S. B. No. 158**

**Senator Cirino**

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**A BILL**

To amend section 705.19 of the Revised Code 1  
regarding the disbursement of municipal funds by 2  
residents and to declare an emergency. 3

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

**Section 1.** That section 705.19 of the Revised Code be 4  
amended to read as follows: 5

**Sec. 705.19.** (A) No money shall be drawn from the treasury 6  
of a municipal corporation except in pursuance of appropriations 7  
made by the legislative authority, and whenever an appropriation 8  
is so made the clerk shall forthwith give notice to the auditor 9  
and treasurer. Appropriations may be made in furtherance of 10  
improvements or other objects or work of the municipal 11  
corporation which will not be completed within the current year. 12  
At the end of each year all unexpended balances of 13  
appropriations shall revert to the respective funds from which 14  
they were appropriated and shall then be subject to future 15  
appropriations. 16

(B) A municipal corporation charter or ordinance shall not 17  
circumvent division (A) of this section or the plans of 18  
government provided for under sections 705.41 to 705.86 of the 19

Revised Code by requiring or allowing the legislative authority 20  
to appropriate, allocate, or draw money from the treasury for 21  
the funds to instead be distributed or otherwise disbursed by a 22  
vote of residents. 23

(C) A charter provision or ordinance that violates 24  
division (B) of this section is void and has no legal effect. 25

(D) Division (B) of this section does not prohibit a 26  
municipal corporation from soliciting input from its residents 27  
related to the disbursement of funds. 28

**Section 2.** That existing section 705.19 of the Revised 29  
Code is hereby repealed. 30

**Section 3.** This act is hereby declared to be an emergency 31  
measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 32  
peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is to 33  
prevent municipal corporations from circumventing current 34  
appropriations law, ensuring the responsible stewardship of 35  
treasury funds and preventing the interruption of local peace, 36  
health, and safety services. Therefore, this act shall go into 37  
immediate effect. 38