



To: Chairwoman Angela King, Vice Chair Matthew Kishman, Ranking Member Veronica Sims & Members of the House Local Government Committee

From: Kevin L. Futryk, Executive Director, County Treasurers Association of Ohio

Re: Proponent Testimony re: HB 92

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Chairwoman King, Vice Chair Kishman, Ranking Member Sims, and members of the House Local Government Committee, my name is Kevin Futryk, and I serve as the Executive Director of the County Treasurers Association of Ohio (CTAO). Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony expressing the CTAO's support for HB 92.

While the CTAO does not have a position on the primary intent of HB 92 (Unpaid Water, Sewer, and Trash Charges at Rented Property), the bill as introduced contains 4 provisions the CTAO worked with the bill's sponsors on last General Assembly:

1. Require that, prior to the municipal corporation placing a municipal lien on the property, attempt to collect at least 3 times, via certified mail, the unpaid service amounts. This must occur over a 180-day period.
2. Removed a requirement that county treasurer accept separately tendered amounts as payment in full of the municipal water lien.
3. Eliminate a requirement that payments be released immediately upon receipt and instead allow the treasurer to disburse under their normal twice a year schedule (property taxes).
4. Allow the treasurer to keep 10% of the amount collected for administrative expenses of the collections. Such monies shall be deposited into the county DTAC Fund (Delinquent Tax & Assessment Collection Fund).

With these changes the CTAO is supportive of the bill. We thank Co-Sponsor's Rep's Marc Johnson & Riordan McClain for hearing county treasurers concerns and addressing them.

Chairwoman King, the CTAO greatly appreciates this committee's consideration of the County Treasurers Association of Ohio's comments regarding HB 92.