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A BILL

Го	amend sections 1901.18, 1901.20, 1907.02,	1
	1907.031, 4511.092, 4511.093, 4511.096,	2
	4511.097, 4511.098, 4511.0910, 5747.51, and	3
	5747.53, to enact new sections 4511.099 and	4
	5747.502, and to repeal sections 4511.099,	5
	4511.0915, and 5747.502 of the Revised Code to	6
	grant municipal and county courts original and	7
	exclusive jurisdiction over any civil action	8
	concerning a traffic law violation, to specify	9
	that the court require an advance deposit for	10
	the filing of specified civil actions by the	11
	local authority bringing the civil action, and	12
	to modify the reporting requirements and LGF	13
	withholding that apply to subdivisions that	14
	operate traffic law photo-monitoring devices.	15

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

Section 1. That	t sections 1901.18, 1901.20, 1907.02,	16
1907.031, 4511.092,	4511.093, 4511.096, 4511.097, 4511.098,	17
4511.0910, 5747.51,	and 5747.53 be amended and new sections	18

4511.099 and 5747.502 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as	19
follows:	20
Sec. 1901.18. (A) Except as otherwise provided in this	21
division or section 1901.181 of the Revised Code, subject to the	22
monetary jurisdiction of municipal courts as set forth in	23
section 1901.17 of the Revised Code, a municipal court has	24
original jurisdiction within its territory in all of the	25
following actions or proceedings and to perform all of the	26
following functions:	27
(1) In any civil action, of whatever nature or remedy, of	28
which judges of county courts have jurisdiction;	29
(2) In any action or proceeding at law for the recovery of	30
money or personal property of which the court of common pleas	31
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has jurisdiction;	32
(3) In any action at law based on contract, to determine,	33
preserve, and enforce all legal and equitable rights involved in	34
the contract, to decree an accounting, reformation, or	35
cancellation of the contract, and to hear and determine all	36
legal and equitable remedies necessary or proper for a complete	37
determination of the rights of the parties to the contract;	38
(4) In any action or proceeding for the sale of personal	39
property under chattel mortgage, lien, encumbrance, or other	40
charge, for the foreclosure and marshalling of liens on personal	41
property of that nature, and for the rendering of personal	42
judgment in the action or proceeding;	43
(5) In any action or proceeding to enforce the collection	44
of its own judgments or the judgments rendered by any court	45
within the territory to which the municipal court has succeeded,	46
and to subject the interest of a judgment debtor in personal	47

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property to satisfy judgments enforceable by the municipal	48
court;	49
(6) In any action or proceeding in the nature of	50
interpleader;	51
(7) In any action of replevin;	52
(8) In any action of forcible entry and detainer;	53
(9) In any action concerning the issuance and enforcement	54
of temporary protection orders pursuant to section 2919.26 of	55
the Revised Code or protection orders pursuant to section	56
2903.213 of the Revised Code or the enforcement of protection	57
orders issued by courts of another state, as defined in section	58
2919.27 of the Revised Code;	59
(10) If the municipal court has a housing or environmental	60
division, in any action over which the division is given	61
jurisdiction by section 1901.181 of the Revised Code, provided	62
that, except as specified in division (B) of that section, no	63
judge of the court other than the judge of the division shall	64
hear or determine any action over which the division has	65
jurisdiction;	66
(11) In any action brought pursuant to division (I) of	67
section 4781.40 of the Revised Code, if the residential premises	68
that are the subject of the action are located within the	69
territorial jurisdiction of the court;	70
(12) In any civil action as described in division (B)(1)	71
of section 3767.41 of the Revised Code that relates to a public	72
nuisance, and, to the extent any provision of this chapter	73
conflicts or is inconsistent with a provision of that section,	74
the provision of that section shall control in the civil action;	75

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(13) In a proceeding brought pursuant to section 955.222	76
of the Revised Code by the owner of a dog that has been	77
designated as a nuisance dog, dangerous dog, or vicious dog;	78
(14) In every civil action concerning a violation of a	79
state traffic law or a municipal traffic ordinance.	80
(B) The Cleveland municipal court also shall have	81
jurisdiction within its territory in all of the following	82
actions or proceedings and to perform all of the following	83
functions:	84
(1) In all actions and proceedings for the sale of real	85
property under lien of a judgment of the municipal court or a	86
lien for machinery, material, or fuel furnished or labor	87
performed, irrespective of amount, and, in those actions and	88
proceedings, the court may proceed to foreclose and marshal all	89
liens and all vested or contingent rights, to appoint a	90
receiver, and to render personal judgment irrespective of amount	91
in favor of any party.	92
(2) In all actions for the foreclosure of a mortgage on	93
real property given to secure the payment of money or the	94
enforcement of a specific lien for money or other encumbrance or	95
charge on real property, when the amount claimed by the	96
plaintiff does not exceed fifteen thousand dollars and the real	97
property is situated within the territory, and, in those	98
actions, the court may proceed to foreclose all liens and all	99
vested and contingent rights and may proceed to render judgments	100
and make findings and orders between the parties in the same	101
manner and to the same extent as in similar actions in the court	102
of common pleas.	103
(3) In all actions for the recovery of real property	104

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situated within the territory to the same extent as courts of	105
common pleas have jurisdiction;	106
(4) In all actions for injunction to prevent or terminate	107
violations of the ordinances and regulations of the city of	108
Cleveland enacted or promulgated under the police power of the	109
city of Cleveland, pursuant to Section 3 of Article XVIII, Ohio	110
Constitution, over which the court of common pleas has or may	111
have jurisdiction, and, in those actions, the court may proceed	112
to render judgments and make findings and orders in the same	113
manner and to the same extent as in similar actions in the court	114
of common pleas.	115
(C) As used in this section, "violation of a state traffic	116
law or a municipal traffic ordinance" has the same meaning as in	117
section 1901.20 of the Revised Code.	118
Sec. 1901.20. (A) (1) The municipal court has exclusive	119
jurisdiction to hear misdemeanor cases committed within its	120
territory and has exclusive_jurisdiction over the violation of	121
any every ordinance of any every municipal corporation within	122
its territory, unless the violation is a including over every	123
civil <u>action concerning a violation based upon evidence recorded</u>	124
by a traffic law photo-monitoring device and issued pursuant to-	125
division (B) (3) of section 4511.093 of the Revised Code or the	126
of a state traffic law or a municipal traffic ordinance. The	127
municipal court does not have jurisdiction over a violation that	128
is required to be handled by a parking violations bureau or	129
joint parking violations bureau pursuant to Chapter 4521. of the	130
Revised Code. However, the municipal court has jurisdiction over	131
the violation of a vehicle parking or standing resolution or	132
regulation if a local authority, as defined in division (D) of	133
section 4521.01 of the Revised Code, has specified that it is	134

not to be considered a criminal offense, if the violation is	135
committed within the limits of the court's territory, and if the	136
violation is not required to be handled by a parking violations	137
oureau or joint parking violations bureau pursuant to Chapter	138
4521. of the Revised Code.	139

The municipal court, if it has a housing or environmental division, has jurisdiction over any criminal action over which the housing or environmental division is given jurisdiction by section 1901.181 of the Revised Code, provided that, except as specified in division (B) of that section, no judge of the court other than the judge of the division shall hear or determine any action over which the division has jurisdiction. In all such prosecutions and cases, the court shall proceed to a final determination of the prosecution or case.

- (2) A judge of a municipal court does not have the authority to dismiss a criminal complaint, charge, information, or indictment solely at the request of the complaining witness and over the objection of the prosecuting attorney, village solicitor, city director of law, or other chief legal officer who is responsible for the prosecution of the case.
- (B) The municipal court has jurisdiction to hear felony cases committed within its territory. In all felony cases, the court may conduct preliminary hearings and other necessary hearings prior to the indictment of the defendant or prior to the court's finding that there is probable and reasonable cause to hold or recognize the defendant to appear before a court of common pleas and may discharge, recognize, or commit the defendant.
- (C) (1) A municipal court has jurisdiction over an appeal 163 from a judgment or default judgment entered pursuant to Chapter 164

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4521. of the Revised Code, as authorized by division (D) of	165
section 4521.08 of the Revised Code. The appeal shall be placed	166
on the regular docket of the court and shall be determined by a	167
judge of the court.	168
(2) A municipal court has jurisdiction over an appeal of a	169
written decision rendered by a hearing officer under section-	170
4511.099 of the Revised Code if the hearing officer that	171
rendered the decision was appointed by a local authority within-	172
the jurisdiction of the court.	173
(D) As used in this section, "violation of a state traffic	174
<pre>law or a municipal traffic ordinance" includes, but is not</pre>	175
limited to, a traffic law violation recorded by a traffic law	176
photo-monitoring device, as defined in section 4511.092 of the	177
Revised Code.	178
Sec. 1907.02. (A)(1) In addition to other jurisdiction	179
granted a county court in the Revised Code, a county court has	180
jurisdiction of all misdemeanor cases. A county court has	181
jurisdiction to conduct preliminary hearings in felony cases, to	182
bind over alleged felons to the court of common pleas, and to	183
take other action in felony cases as authorized by Criminal Rule	184
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(2) A judge of a county court does not have the authority	186
to dismiss a criminal complaint, charge, information, or	187
indictment solely at the request of the complaining witness and	188
over the objection of the prosecuting attorney, village	189
solicitor, city director of law, or other chief legal officer	190
who is responsible for the prosecution of the case.	191
(B) A county court has jurisdiction of the violation of a	192
vehicle parking or standing ordinance, resolution, or regulation	193

if a local authority, as defined in division (D) of section	194
4521.01 of the Revised Code, has specified that it is not to be	195
considered a criminal offense, if the violation is committed	196
within the limits of the court's territory, and if the violation	197
is not required to be handled by a parking violations bureau or	198
joint parking violations bureau pursuant to Chapter 4521. of the	199
Revised Code. A county court does not have jurisdiction over	200
violations of ordinances, resolutions, or regulations that are	201
required to be handled by a parking violations bureau or joint	202
parking violations bureau pursuant to that chapter.	203
A county court also has jurisdiction of an appeal from a	204
judgment or default judgment entered pursuant to Chapter 4521.	205
of the Revised Code, as authorized by division (D) of section	206
4521.08 of the Revised Code. Any such appeal shall be placed on	207
the regular docket of the court and shall be determined by a	208
judge of the court.	209
(C) A county court has <u>exclusive</u> jurisdiction over an	210
appeal of a written decision rendered by a hearing officer under-	211
section 4511.099 of the Revised Code if the hearing officer that	212
rendered the decision was appointed by a local authority within-	213
the jurisdiction of the court every civil action concerning a	214
violation of a state traffic law or a municipal traffic	215
ordinance, if the violation is committed within the limits of	216
the court's territory.	217
(D) As used in this section, "violation of a state traffic	218
law or a municipal traffic ordinance" has the same meaning as in	219
section 1901.20 of the Revised Code.	220
Sec. 1907.031. (A) Except as otherwise provided in section	221
1907.03 of the Revised Code and in addition to the jurisdiction	222

authorized in other sections of this chapter and in section

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1909.11 of the Revised Code, a county court has original	224
jurisdiction within its district in all of the following actions	225
or proceedings and to perform all of the following functions:	226
(1) In an action or proceeding at law for the recovery of	227
money or personal property of which the court of common pleas	228
has jurisdiction;	229
(2) In an action at law based on contract, to determine,	230
preserve, and enforce all legal and equitable rights involved in	231
the contract, to decree an accounting, reformation, or	232
cancellation of the contract, and to hear and determine all	233
legal and equitable remedies necessary or proper for a complete	234
determination of the rights of the parties to the contract;	235
(3) In an action or proceeding for the sale of personal	236
property under chattel mortgage, lien, encumbrance, or other	237
charge, for the foreclosure and marshalling of liens on the	238
personal property, and for the rendering of personal judgment in	239
the action or proceeding;	240
(4) In an action or proceeding to enforce the collection	241
of its own judgments and to subject the interest of a judgment	242
debtor in personal property to satisfy judgments enforceable by	243
the county court;	244
(5) In an action or proceeding in the nature of	245
<pre>interpleader;</pre>	246
(6) In an action of forcible entry and detainer;	247
(7) In a proceeding brought pursuant to section 955.222 of	248
the Revised Code by the owner of a dog that has been designated	249
as a nuisance dog, dangerous dog, or vicious dog;	250
(8) In every civil action or proceeding concerning a	251

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violation of a state traffic law or a municipal traffic	252
ordinance.	253
(B) A county court has original jurisdiction in civil	254
actions as described in division (B)(1) of section 3767.41 of	255
the Revised Code that relate to a public nuisance. To the extent	256
any provision of this chapter conflicts or is inconsistent with	257
a provision of that section, the provision of that section shall	258
control in such a civil action.	259
(C) As used in this section, "violation of a state traffic	260
law or a municipal traffic ordinance" has the same meaning as in	261
section 1901.20 of the Revised Code.	262
Sec. 4511.092. As used in sections 4511.092 to 4511.0914	263
of the Revised Code:	264
(A) "Designated party" means the person whom the	265
registered owner of a motor vehicle, upon receipt of a ticket	266
based upon images recorded by a traffic law photo-monitoring	267
device that indicate a traffic law violation, identifies as the	268
person who was operating the vehicle of the registered owner at	269
the time of the violation.	270
(B) "Hearing officer" means any person appointed by the	271
mayor, board of county commissioners, or board of township	272
trustees of a local authority, as applicable, to conduct-	273
administrative hearings on violations recorded by traffic law-	274
photo-monitoring devices, other than a person who is employed by	275
a law enforcement agency as defined in section 109.573 of the-	276
Revised Code.	277
(C)—"Law enforcement officer" means a sheriff, deputy	278
sheriff, marshal, deputy marshal, police officer of a police	279
department of any municipal corporation, police constable of any	280

township, or police officer of a township or joint police	281
district, who is employed on a permanent, full-time basis by the	282
law enforcement agency of a local authority that assigns such	283
person to the location of a traffic law photo-monitoring device.	284
(D) (C) "Local authority" means a municipal corporation,	285
county, or township.	286
(E) (D) "Motor vehicle leasing dealer" has the same	287
meaning as in section 4517.01 of the Revised Code.	288
(F) (E) "Motor vehicle renting dealer" has the same	289
meaning as in section 4549.65 of the Revised Code.	290
(G) (F) "Recorded images" means any of the following	291
images recorded by a traffic law photo-monitoring device that	292
show, on at least one image or on a portion of the videotape,	293
the rear of a motor vehicle and the letters and numerals on the	294
rear license plate of the vehicle:	295
(1) Two or more photographs, microphotographs, electronic	296
<pre>images, or digital images;</pre>	297
(2) Videotape.	298
(H) (G) "Registered owner" means all of the following:	299
(1) Any person or entity identified by the bureau of motor	300
vehicles or any other state motor vehicle registration bureau,	301
department, or office as the owner of a motor vehicle;	302
(2) The lessee of a motor vehicle under a lease of six	303
months or longer;	304
(3) The renter of a motor vehicle pursuant to a written	305
rental agreement with a motor vehicle renting dealer.	306
(I) (H) "System location" means the approach to an	307

intersection or area of roadway toward which a traffic law	308
photo-monitoring device is directed and is in operation.	309
(J) (I) "Ticket" means any traffic ticket, citation,	310
summons, or other ticket issued in response to an alleged	311
traffic law violation detected by a traffic law photo-monitoring	312
device, that represents a civil violation.	313
(K) (J) "Traffic law photo-monitoring device" means an	314
electronic system consisting of a photographic, video, or	315
electronic camera and a means of sensing the presence of a motor	316
vehicle that automatically produces recorded images.	317
$\frac{(L)}{(K)}$ "Traffic law violation" means either of the	318
following:	319
(1) A violation of section 4511.12 of the Revised Code	320
based on the failure to comply with section 4511.13 of the	321
Revised Code or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance	322
that occurs at an intersection due to failure to obey a traffic	323
control signal;	324
(2) A violation of section 4511.21 or 4511.211 of the	325
Revised Code or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance	326
due to failure to observe the applicable speed limit.	327
Sec. 4511.093. (A) A local authority may utilize a traffic	328
law photo-monitoring device for the purpose of detecting traffic	329
law violations. If the local authority is a county or township,	330
the board of county commissioners or the board of township	331
trustees may adopt such resolutions as may be necessary to	332
enable the county or township to utilize traffic law photo-	333
monitoring devices.	334
(B) The use of a traffic law photo-monitoring device is	335
subject to the following conditions:	336

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(1) A local authority shall use a traffic law photo-	337
monitoring device to detect and enforce traffic law violations	338
only if a law enforcement officer is present at the location of	339
the device at all times during the operation of the device and	340
if the local authority complies with sections 4511.094 and	341
4511.095 of the Revised Code.	342
(2) A law enforcement officer who is present at the	343
location of any traffic law photo-monitoring device and who	344
personally witnesses a traffic law violation may issue a ticket	345
for the violation. Such a ticket shall be issued in accordance	346
with section $\frac{2935.25}{2935.26}$ of the Revised Code and is not	347
subject to sections 4511.096 to 4511.0910 and section 4511.912	348
of the Revised Code.	349
(3) If a traffic law photo-monitoring device records a	350
traffic law violation and the law enforcement officer who was	351
present at the location of the traffic law photo-monitoring	352
device does not issue a ticket as provided under division (B)(2)	353
of this section, the local authority may only issue a ticket in	354
accordance with sections 4511.096 to 4511.0912 of the Revised	355
Code.	356
Sec. 4511.096. (A) A law enforcement officer employed by a	357
local authority utilizing a traffic law photo-monitoring device	358
shall examine evidence of alleged traffic law violations	359
recorded by the device to determine whether such a violation has	360
occurred. If the image recorded by the traffic law photo-	361
monitoring device shows such a violation, contains the date and	362
time of the violation, and shows the letter and numerals on the	363
license plate of the vehicle involved as well as the state that	364

issued the license plate, the officer may use any lawful means

to identify the registered owner.

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(B) The fact that a person or entity is the registered	367
owner of a motor vehicle is prima facie evidence that that	368
person or entity is the person who was operating the vehicle at	369
the time of the traffic law violation.	370
(C) Within thirty days of the traffic law violation, the	371
local authority or its designee may issue and send by regular	372
mail a ticket charging the registered owner with the violation.	373
The ticket shall comply with section 4511.097 of the Revised	374
Code. If the local authority mails a ticket charging the	375
registered owner with the violation, the local authority shall	376
file a certified copy of the ticket with the municipal court or	377
county court with jurisdiction over the civil action.	378
(D) A certified copy of the ticket alleging a traffic law	379
violation, sworn to or affirmed by a law enforcement officer	380
employed by the local authority, including by electronic means,	381
and the recorded images produced by the traffic law photo-	382
monitoring device, is prima facie evidence of the facts	383
contained therein and is admissible in a <u>civil action or</u>	384
proceeding for review of concerning the ticket issued under this	385
section.	386
Sec. 4511.097. (A) A traffic law violation for which a	387
ticket is issued by a local authority—pursuant to division (B)	388
(3) of section 4511.093 of the Revised Code based on evidence	389
recorded by a traffic law photo-monitoring device is a civil	390
violation. If a local authority issues a ticket for such a	391
violation, the ticket shall comply with the requirements of this	392
section and the fine for such a ticket shall not exceed the	393
amount of the fine that may be imposed for a substantially	394
equivalent criminal traffic law violation.	395

(B) A local authority or its designee shall process such a

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ticket for a civil violation and shall send the ticket by	397
ordinary mail to any registered owner of the motor vehicle that	398
is the subject of the traffic law violation. The local authority	399
or designee shall ensure that the ticket contains all of the	400
following:	401
(1) The name and address of the registered owner;	402
(2) The letters and numerals appearing on the license	403
plate issued to the motor vehicle;	404
(3) The traffic law violation charged;	405
(4) The system location;	406
(5) The date and time of the violation;	407
(6) A copy of the recorded images;	408
(7) The name and badge number of the law enforcement	409
officer who was present at the system location at the time of	410
the violation, if applicable;	411
(8) The amount of the civil penalty imposed, the date by	412
which the civil penalty is required to be paid, and the address	413
of the municipal court or county court with jurisdiction over	414
the civil action to which the payment is to be sent;	415
(9) A statement signed by a law enforcement officer	416
employed by the local authority indicating that, based on an	417
inspection of recorded images, the motor vehicle was involved in	418
a traffic law violation, and a statement indicating that the	419
recorded images are prima facie evidence of that traffic law	420
violation both of which may be signed electronically;	421
(10) Information advising the person or entity alleged to	422
be liable of the options prescribed in section 4511.098 of the	423

Revised Code, specifically to include the time, place, and	424
manner in which an administrative appeal may be initiated the	425
person or entity may appear in court to contest the violation	426
and ticket and the procedure for disclaiming liability by	427
submitting an affidavit to the municipal court or county court	428
as prescribed in that section;	429
(11) A warning that failure to exercise one of the options	430
prescribed in section 4511.098 of the Revised Code is deemed to	431
be an admission of liability and waiver of the opportunity to	432
contest the violation.	433
(C) A local authority or its designee shall send a ticket	434
not later than thirty days after the date of the alleged traffic	435
law violation.	436
(D) The local authority or its designee may elect to send	437
by ordinary mail a warning notice in lieu of a ticket under this	438
section.	439
Sec. 4511.098. (A) A person or entity who receives a	440
ticket for a civil violation sent in compliance with section	441
4511.097 of the Revised Code shall elect to do one of the	442
following:	443
(1) In accordance with instructions on the ticket, pay the	444
civil penalty, thereby failing to contest admitting liability	445
and waiving the opportunity to contest the violation;	446
(2)(a) Within thirty days after receipt of the ticket,	447
provide the law enforcement agency of the local authority	448
municipal court or county court with jurisdiction over the civil	449
<pre>action_with either of the following affidavits:</pre>	450
(i) An affidavit executed by the registered owner stating	451
that another person was operating the vehicle of the registered	452

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owner at the time of the violation, identifying that person as a	453
designated party who may be held liable for the violation, and	454
containing at a minimum the name and address of the designated	455
party;	456
(ii) An affidavit executed by the registered owner stating	457
that at the time of the violation, the motor vehicle or the	458
license plates issued to the motor vehicle were stolen and	459
therefore were in the care, custody, or control of some person	460
or entity to whom the registered owner did not grant permission	461
to use the motor vehicle. In order to demonstrate that the motor	462
vehicle or the license plates were stolen prior to the traffic	463
law violation and therefore were not under the control or	464
possession of the registered owner at the time of the violation,	465
the registered owner shall submit proof that a report about the	466
stolen motor vehicle or license plates was filed with the	467
appropriate law enforcement agency prior to the violation or	468
within forty-eight hours after the violation occurred.	469
(b) A registered owner is not responsible for a traffic	470
law violation if, within thirty days after the date of mailing	471
of the ticket, the registered owner furnishes an affidavit	472
specified in division (A)(2)(a)(i) or (ii) of this section to	473
the local authority court with jurisdiction in a form	474
established by the local authority <u>court</u> and the following	475
conditions are met:	476
(i) If the registered owner submits an affidavit as	477
specified in division (A)(2)(a)(i) of this section, the	478
designated party either accepts liability for the violation by	479
paying the civil penalty or <u>by</u> failing to request an	480
administrative a court hearing within thirty days or is	481
determined liable in an administrative a court hearing;	482

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(ii) If the registered owner submits an affidavit as	483
specified in division (A)(2)(a)(ii) of this section, the	484
affidavit is supported by a stolen vehicle or stolen license	485
plate report as required in that division.	486
(3) If the registered owner is a motor vehicle leasing	487
dealer or a motor vehicle renting dealer, notify the $\frac{1}{2}$	488
enforcement agency of the local authority court with	489
<pre>jurisdiction of the name and address of the lessee or renter of</pre>	490
the motor vehicle at the time of the traffic law violation. $\underline{\text{The}}$	491
court shall establish the form of the notice. A motor vehicle	492
leasing dealer or motor vehicle renting dealer who receives a	493
ticket for an alleged traffic law violation detected by a	494
traffic law photo-monitoring device is not liable for a ticket	495
issued for a motor vehicle that was in the care, custody, or	496
control of a lessee or renter at the time of the alleged	497
violation. The dealer shall not pay such a ticket and	498
subsequently attempt to collect a fee or assess the lessee or	499
renter a charge for any payment of such a ticket made on behalf	500
of the lessee or renter.	501
(4) If the vehicle involved in the traffic law violation	502
is a commercial motor vehicle and the ticket is issued to a	503
corporate entity, provide to the law enforcement agency of the	504

(5) Contest the ticket by filing a written request for—an—administrative a court hearing to review the ticket in a form—established by the court. The person or entity shall file the

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local authority court with jurisdiction an affidavit in a form

the corporate entity, that provides the name and address of the

employee who was operating the motor vehicle at the time of the

established by the court, sworn to or affirmed by an agent of

alleged violation and who is the designated party.

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written request not later than thirty days after receipt of the	513
ticket. The failure to request a hearing within this time period	514
constitutes a waiver of the right to contest the violation and	515
ticket, and is deemed to constitute an admission of liability	516
and waiver of the opportunity to contest the violation.	517
(B) A local authority court with jurisdiction that	518
receives an affidavit described in division (A)(2)(a)(i) or (A)	519
(4) of this section or a notification under division (A)(3) of	520
this section from a registered owner may proceed to notify the	521
<u>local authority to</u> send a ticket that conforms with division (B)	522
of section 4511.097 of the Revised Code to the designated party.	523
The local authority shall send the ticket to the designated	524
party by ordinary mail not later than twenty-one days after	525
receipt of the affidavit or notification.	526
Sec. 4511.099. (A) Notwithstanding any other provision in	527
the Revised Code, when a certified copy of a ticket issued by a	528
local authority based on evidence recorded by a traffic law	529
photo-monitoring device is filed with the municipal court or	530
county court with jurisdiction over the civil action, the court	531
shall require the local authority to provide an advance deposit	532
for the filing of the civil action. The advance deposit shall	533
consist of all applicable court costs and fees for the civil	534
action. The court shall retain the advance deposit regardless of	535
which party prevails in the civil action.	536
(B) (1) The court shall not charge to the registered owner	537
or designated party any court costs and fees for the civil	538
action.	539
(2) If the registered owner or designated party pays the	540
civil penalty in accordance with division (A)(1) of section	541
4511.098 of the Revised Code or contests the ticket under	542

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division (A)(5) of that section and does not prevail in the	543
civil action, the registered owner or designated party shall	544
only pay the amount of the civil penalty imposed for the	545
violation.	546
Sec. 4511.0910. A traffic law violation for which a civil	547
penalty is imposed under sections 4511.097 to 4511.099 and	548
4511.098 of the Revised Code is not a moving violation and	549
points shall not be assessed against a person's driver's license	550
under section 4510.036 of the Revised Code. In no case shall	551
such a violation be reported to the bureau of motor vehicles or	552
motor vehicle registration bureau, department, or office of any	553
other state, nor shall such a violation be recorded on the	554
driving record of the owner or operator of the vehicle involved	555
in the violation.	556
Sec. 5747.502. (A) As used in this section, "local	557
authority" and "traffic law photo-monitoring device" have the	558
same meanings as in section 4511.092 of the Revised Code.	559
(B) Annually, on or before the thirty-first day of July,	560
any local authority that operated, directly or indirectly, a	561
traffic law photo-monitoring device during the preceding fiscal	562
year shall file a report with the tax commissioner that includes	563
a detailed statement of the civil fines the local authority has	564
collected from drivers for any violation of any local ordinance	565
or resolution during that period that are based upon evidence	566
recorded by a traffic law photo-monitoring device, including the	567
gross amount of such fines that have been collected. For the	568
purposes of divisions (B) and (C) of this section, the gross	569
amount of such fines includes the entire amount paid by the	570
driver.	571
(C) Upon receipt of a report filed pursuant to division	572

(B) of this section, the commissioner shall do the following, as	573
applicable:	574
(1) If the local authority is a municipal corporation,	575
reduce the amount of each of the next twelve payments to the	576
municipal corporation under division (C) of section 5747.50 of	577
the Revised Code by an amount equal to one-twelfth of the gross	578
amount of fines indicated on the report. If the fines exceed the	579
amount of money the subdivision would otherwise receive under	580
division (C) of section 5747.50 of the Revised Code, the	581
commissioner also shall reduce each of the next twelve payments	582
to the appropriate county undivided local government fund under	583
division (B) of section 5747.50 of the Revised Code by an amount	584
equal to one-twelfth of the excess and notify the county auditor	585
and county treasurer of that county that each of the next twelve	586
payments the municipal corporation receives under section	587
5747.51 or 5747.53 of the Revised Code shall be reduced by one-	588
twelfth of the excess.	589
(2) If the local authority is not a municipal corporation,	590
reduce payments to the appropriate county undivided local	591
government fund under division (B) of section 5747.50 of the	592
Revised Code by an amount equal to one-twelfth of the gross	593
amount of fines indicated on the report and immediately notify	594
the county auditor and county treasurer of that county that each	595
of the next twelve payments the municipal corporation receives	596
under section 5747.51 or 5747.53 of the Revised Code shall be	597
reduced by one-twelfth of the gross amount of fines indicated on	598
the report;	599
(3) If one or more payments to the local authority has	600
been withheld under division (D) of this section because of	601
failure to timely file the report, notify the county auditor and	602

county treasurer of the appropriate county that the report has	603
been received and that, subject to divisions (C)(1) and (2) of	604
this section, payments to the local authority from the undivided	605
local government fund are to resume. Subject to divisions (C)(1)	606
and (2) of this section, a county treasurer receiving notice	607
under this section shall provide for payments to the local	608
authority from the county undivided local government fund	609
beginning with the next required payment.	610
(D) Upon discovery, based on information in the	611
commissioner's possession, that a local authority required to	612
file a report under division (B) of this section has failed to	613
do so, the commissioner shall do the following, as applicable:	614
(1) If the local authority is a municipal corporation,	615
cease providing for payments to the municipal corporation under	616
section 5747.50 of the Revised Code beginning with the next	617
required payment and until such time as the report is received	618
by the commissioner;	619
(2) For any local authority, reduce payments to the	620
appropriate county undivided local government fund under	621
division (B) of section 5747.50 of the Revised Code by an amount	622
equal to the amount of such payments the local authority would	623
otherwise receive under section 5747.51 or 5747.53 of the	624
Revised Code, beginning with the next required payment and until	625
such time as the report is received by the commissioner;	626
(3) For any local authority, notify the county auditor and	627
county treasurer that such payments are to cease until the	628
commissioner notifies the auditor and treasurer under division	629
(C) (3) of this section that the payments are to resume.	630
(E) A county treasurer that receives a notice from the	631

commissioner under division (C)(1), (2), (3), or (D)(3) of this	632
section shall reduce, cease, or resume payments from the	633
undivided local government fund to the local authority that is	634
the subject of the notice as specified by the commissioner in	635
the notice. Unless otherwise specified in the notice, the	636
payments shall be reduced, ceased, or resumed beginning with the	637
next required payment.	638
(F) On or before the tenth day of each month, the	639
commissioner shall deposit an amount equal to the payments	640
reduced or withheld under divisions (C)(1), (2), (D)(1), and (2)	641
of this section to the Ohio highway and transportation safety	642
fund which is hereby created in the state treasury. Amounts	643
credited to the fund shall be used by the department of	644
transportation to enhance public safety on public roads and	645
highways.	646
Sec. 5747.51. (A) On or before the twenty-fifth day of	647
July of each year, the tax commissioner shall make and certify	648
to the county auditor of each county an estimate of the amount	649
of the local government fund to be allocated to the undivided	650
local government fund of each county for the ensuing calendar	651
year, adjusting the total as required to account for	652
subdivisions receiving local government funds under section	650
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5747.502 of the Revised Code.	653
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opportunity to be heard, under oath administered by any member	662
of the commission, and considering all the facts and information	663
presented to it by the auditor, shall determine the amount of	664
the undivided local government fund needed by and to be	665
apportioned to each subdivision for current operating expenses,	666
as shown in the tax budget of the subdivision. This	667
determination shall be made pursuant to divisions (C) to (I) of	668
this section, unless the commission has provided for a formula	669
pursuant to section 5747.53 of the Revised Code. The	670
commissioner shall reduce or increase the amount of funds from	671
the undivided local government fund to a subdivision required to	672
receive reduced or increased -funds under section 5747.502 of the	673
Revised Code.	674

Nothing in this section prevents the budget commission, 675 for the purpose of apportioning the undivided local government 676 fund, from inquiring into the claimed needs of any subdivision 677 as stated in its tax budget, or from adjusting claimed needs to 678 reflect actual needs. For the purposes of this section, "current 679 operating expenses" means the lawful expenditures of a 680 subdivision, except those for permanent improvements and except 681 payments for interest, sinking fund, and retirement of bonds, 682 notes, and certificates of indebtedness of the subdivision. 683

(C) The commission shall determine the combined total of 684 the estimated expenditures, including transfers, from the 685 general fund and any special funds other than special funds 686 established for road and bridge; street construction, 687 maintenance, and repair; state highway improvement; and gas, 688 water, sewer, and electric public utilities operated by a 689 subdivision, as shown in the subdivision's tax budget for the 690 ensuing calendar year. 691 H. B. No. 410 Page 25 As Introduced

(D) From the combined total of expenditures calculated	692
pursuant to division (C) of this section, the commission shall	693
deduct the following expenditures, if included in these funds in	694
the tax budget:	695
(1) Expenditures for permanent improvements as defined in	696
division (E) of section 5705.01 of the Revised Code;	697
(2) In the case of counties and townships, transfers to	698
the road and bridge fund, and in the case of municipalities,	699
transfers to the street construction, maintenance, and repair	700
fund and the state highway improvement fund;	701
(3) Expenditures for the payment of debt charges;	702
(4) Expenditures for the payment of judgments.	703
(E) In addition to the deductions made pursuant to	704
division (D) of this section, revenues accruing to the general	705
fund and any special fund considered under division (C) of this	706
section from the following sources shall be deducted from the	707
combined total of expenditures calculated pursuant to division	708
(C) of this section:	709
(1) Taxes levied within the ten-mill limitation, as	710
defined in section 5705.02 of the Revised Code;	711
(2) The budget commission allocation of estimated county	712
public library fund revenues to be distributed pursuant to	713
section 5747.48 of the Revised Code;	714
(3) Estimated unencumbered balances as shown on the tax	715
budget as of the thirty-first day of December of the current	716
year in the general fund, but not any estimated balance in any	717
special fund considered in division (C) of this section;	718
(4) Revenue, including transfers, shown in the general	719

fund and any special funds other than special funds established	720
for road and bridge; street construction, maintenance, and	721
repair; state highway improvement; and gas, water, sewer, and	722
electric public utilities, from all other sources except those	723
that a subdivision receives from an additional tax or service	724
charge voted by its electorate or receives from special	725
assessment or revenue bond collection. For the purposes of this	726
division, where the charter of a municipal corporation prohibits	727
the levy of an income tax, an income tax levied by the	728
legislative authority of such municipal corporation pursuant to	729
an amendment of the charter of that municipal corporation to	730
authorize such a levy represents an additional tax voted by the	731
electorate of that municipal corporation. For the purposes of	732
this division, any measure adopted by a board of county	733
commissioners pursuant to section 322.02, 4504.02, or 5739.021	734
of the Revised Code, including those measures upheld by the	735
electorate in a referendum conducted pursuant to section	736
322.021, 4504.021, or 5739.022 of the Revised Code, shall not be	737
considered an additional tax voted by the electorate.	738

Subject to division (G) of section 5705.29 of the Revised 739 Code, money in a reserve balance account established by a 740 county, township, or municipal corporation under section 5705.13 741 of the Revised Code shall not be considered an unencumbered 742 balance or revenue under division (E)(3) or (4) of this section. 743 Money in a reserve balance account established by a township 744 under section 5705.132 of the Revised Code shall not be 745 considered an unencumbered balance or revenue under division (E) 746 (3) or (4) of this section. 747

If a county, township, or municipal corporation has

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created and maintains a nonexpendable trust fund under section

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5705.131 of the Revised Code, the principal of the fund, and any

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additions to the principal arising from sources other than the
reinvestment of investment earnings arising from such a fund,
shall not be considered an unencumbered balance or revenue under
division (E)(3) or (4) of this section. Only investment earnings
arising from investment of the principal or investment of such
additions to principal may be considered an unencumbered balance
or revenue under those divisions.

- (F) The total expenditures calculated pursuant to division(C) of this section, less the deductions authorized in divisions(D) and (E) of this section, shall be known as the "relative need" of the subdivision, for the purposes of this section.
- (G) The budget commission shall total the relative need of 762 all participating subdivisions in the county, and shall compute 763 a relative need factor by dividing the total estimate of the 764 undivided local government fund by the total relative need of 765 all participating subdivisions. 766
- (H) The relative need of each subdivision shall be 767 multiplied by the relative need factor to determine the 768 proportionate share of the subdivision in the undivided local 769 770 government fund of the county; provided, that the maximum proportionate share of a county shall not exceed the following 771 maximum percentages of the total estimate of the undivided local 772 government fund governed by the relationship of the percentage 773 of the population of the county that resides within municipal 774 corporations within the county to the total population of the 775 county as reported in the reports on population in Ohio by the 776 department of development as of the twentieth day of July of the 777 year in which the tax budget is filed with the budget 778 commission: 779

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Percentage of municipal	the county shall	781
population within the county:	not exceed:	782
Less than forty-one per cent	Sixty per cent	783
Forty-one per cent or more but	Fifty per cent	784
less than eighty-one per cent		785
Eighty-one per cent or more	Thirty per cent	786
Where the proportionate share of	the county exceeds the	787
limitations established in this divisi	on, the budget commission	788
shall adjust the proportionate shares	determined pursuant to	789
this division so that the proportionate	e share of the county does	790
not exceed these limitations, and it s	hall increase the	791
proportionate shares of all other subd	ivisions on a pro rata	792
basis. In counties having a population	of less than one hundred	793
thousand, not less than ten per cent s	hall be distributed to the	794
townships therein.		795
(I) The proportionate share of ea	ch subdivision in the	796
undivided local government fund determ	ined pursuant to division	797
(H) of this section for any calendar year	ear shall not be less than	798
the product of the average of the percentage	entages of the undivided	799
local government fund of the county as	apportioned to that	800
subdivision for the calendar years 196	8, 1969, and 1970,	801
multiplied by the total amount of the	undivided local government	802
fund of the county apportioned pursuan	t to former section	803
5735.23 of the Revised Code for the ca	lendar year 1970. For the	804
purposes of this division, the total ag	pportioned amount for the	805
calendar year 1970 shall be the amount	actually allocated to the	806
county in 1970 from the state collected	d intangible tax as levied	807
by section 5707.03 of the Revised Code	and distributed pursuant	808

to section 5725.24 of the Revised Code, plus the amount received

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by the county in the calendar year 1970 pursuant to division (B)	810
(1) of former section 5739.21 of the Revised Code, and	811
distributed pursuant to former section 5739.22 of the Revised	812
Code. If the total amount of the undivided local government fund	813
for any calendar year is less than the amount of the undivided	814
local government fund apportioned pursuant to former section	815
5739.23 of the Revised Code for the calendar year 1970, the	816
minimum amount guaranteed to each subdivision for that calendar	817
year pursuant to this division shall be reduced on a basis	818
proportionate to the amount by which the amount of the undivided	819
local government fund for that calendar year is less than the	820
amount of the undivided local government fund apportioned for	821
the calendar year 1970.	822
(J) On the basis of such apportionment, the county auditor	823
shall compute the percentage share of each such subdivision in	824
the undivided local government fund and shall at the same time	825
certify to the tax commissioner the percentage share of the	826
county as a subdivision. No payment shall be made from the	827
undivided local government fund, except in accordance with such	828
percentage shares.	829
Within ten days after the budget commission has made its	830
apportionment, whether conducted pursuant to section 5747.51 or	831
5747.53 of the Revised Code, the auditor shall publish a list of	832
the subdivisions and the amount each is to receive from the	833
undivided local government fund and the percentage share of each	834
subdivision, in a newspaper or newspapers of countywide	835
circulation, and send a copy of such allocation to the tax	836
commissioner.	837
The county auditor shall also send a copy of such	838

allocation by ordinary or electronic mail to the fiscal officer

of each subdivision entitled to participate in the allocation of	840
the undivided local government fund of the county. This copy	841
shall constitute the official notice of the commission action	842
referred to in section 5705.37 of the Revised Code.	843
All money received into the treasury of a subdivision from	844
the undivided local government fund in a county treasury shall	845
be paid into the general fund and used for the current operating	846
expenses of the subdivision.	847
If a municipal corporation maintains a municipal	848
university, such municipal university, when the board of	849
trustees so requests the legislative authority of the municipal	850
corporation, shall participate in the money apportioned to such	851
municipal corporation from the total local government fund,	852
however created and constituted, in such amount as requested by	853
the board of trustees, provided such sum does not exceed nine	854
per cent of the total amount paid to the municipal corporation.	855
If any public official fails to maintain the records	856
required by sections 5747.50 to 5747.55 of the Revised Code or	857
by the rules issued by the tax commissioner, the auditor of	858
state, or the treasurer of state pursuant to such sections, or	859
fails to comply with any law relating to the enforcement of such	860
sections, the local government fund money allocated to the	861
county may be withheld until such time as the public official	862
has complied with such sections or such law or the rules issued	863
pursuant thereto.	864
Sec. 5747.53. (A) As used in this section:	865

(1) "City, located wholly or partially in the county, with

the greatest population" means the city, located wholly or

partially in the county, with the greatest population residing

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in the county; however, if the county budget commission on or	869
before January 1, 1998, adopted an alternative method of	870
apportionment that was approved by the legislative authority of	871
the city, located partially in the county, with the greatest	872
population but not the greatest population residing in the	873
county, "city, located wholly or partially in the county, with	874
the greatest population" means the city, located wholly or	875
partially in the county, with the greatest population whether	876
residing in the county or not, if this alternative meaning is	877
adopted by action of the board of county commissioners and a	878
majority of the boards of township trustees and legislative	879
authorities of municipal corporations located wholly or	880
partially in the county.	881
(2) "Participating political subdivision" means a	882
municipal corporation or township that satisfies all of the	883
following:	884
(a) It is located wholly or partially in the county.	885
(b) It is not the city, located wholly or partially in the	886
county, with the greatest population.	887
(c) Undivided local government fund moneys are apportioned	888
to it under the county's alternative method or formula of	889
apportionment in the current calendar year.	890
apportionment in the current carendar year.	090
(B) In lieu of the method of apportionment of the	891
undivided local government fund of the county provided by	892
section 5747.51 of the Revised Code, the county budget	893
commission may provide for the apportionment of the fund under	894

an alternative method or on a formula basis as authorized by

this section. The commissioner shall reduce or increase—the

amount of funds from the undivided local government fund to a

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subdivision required to receive reduced or increased funds under 898 section 5747.502 of the Revised Code. 899

Except as otherwise provided in division (C) of this 900 section, the alternative method of apportionment shall have 901 first been approved by all of the following governmental units: 902 the board of county commissioners; the legislative authority of 903 the city, located wholly or partially in the county, with the 904 greatest population; and a majority of the boards of township 905 trustees and legislative authorities of municipal corporations, 906 907 located wholly or partially in the county, excluding the legislative authority of the city, located wholly or partially 908 in the county, with the greatest population. In granting or 909 denying approval for an alternative method of apportionment, the 910 board of county commissioners, boards of township trustees, and 911 legislative authorities of municipal corporations shall act by 912 motion. A motion to approve shall be passed upon a majority vote 913 of the members of a board of county commissioners, board of 914 township trustees, or legislative authority of a municipal 915 916 corporation, shall take effect immediately, and need not be published. 917

Any alternative method of apportionment adopted and 918 919 approved under this division may be revised, amended, or repealed in the same manner as it may be adopted and approved. 920 If an alternative method of apportionment adopted and approved 921 under this division is repealed, the undivided local government 922 fund of the county shall be apportioned among the subdivisions 923 eligible to participate in the fund, commencing in the ensuing 924 calendar year, under the apportionment provided in section 925 5747.52 of the Revised Code, unless the repeal occurs by 926 operation of division (C) of this section or a new method for 927 apportionment of the fund is provided in the action of repeal. 928

(C) This division applies only in counties in which the	929
city, located wholly or partially in the county, with the	930
greatest population has a population of twenty thousand or less	931
and a population that is less than fifteen per cent of the total	932
population of the county. In such a county, the legislative	933
authorities or boards of township trustees of two or more	934
participating political subdivisions, which together have a	935
population residing in the county that is a majority of the	936
total population of the county, each may adopt a resolution to	937
exclude the approval otherwise required of the legislative	938
authority of the city, located wholly or partially in the	939
county, with the greatest population. All of the resolutions to	940
exclude that approval shall be adopted not later than the first	941
Monday of August of the year preceding the calendar year in	942
which distributions are to be made under an alternative method	943
of apportionment.	944

A motion granting or denying approval of an alternative 945 method of apportionment under this division shall be adopted by 946 a majority vote of the members of the board of county 947 commissioners and by a majority vote of a majority of the boards 948 of township trustees and legislative authorities of the 949 municipal corporations located wholly or partially in the 950 county, other than the city, located wholly or partially in the 951 county, with the greatest population, shall take effect 952 immediately, and need not be published. The alternative method 953 of apportionment under this division shall be adopted and 954 approved annually, not later than the first Monday of August of 955 the year preceding the calendar year in which distributions are 956 to be made under it. A motion granting approval of an 957 alternative method of apportionment under this division repeals 958 any existing alternative method of apportionment, effective with 959 H. B. No. 410 Page 34
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distributions to be made from the fund in the ensuing calendar 960 year. An alternative method of apportionment under this division 961 shall not be revised or amended after the first Monday of August 962 of the year preceding the calendar year in which distributions 963 are to be made under it.

(D) In determining an alternative method of apportionment 965 authorized by this section, the county budget commission may 966 include in the method any factor considered to be appropriate 967 and reliable, in the sole discretion of the county budget 968 commission.

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- (E) The limitations set forth in section 5747.51 of the Revised Code, stating the maximum amount that the county may receive from the undivided local government fund and the minimum amount the townships in counties having a population of less than one hundred thousand may receive from the fund, are applicable to any alternative method of apportionment authorized under this section.
- (F) On the basis of any alternative method of 977 apportionment adopted and approved as authorized by this 978 section, as certified by the auditor to the county treasurer, 979 the county treasurer shall make distribution of the money in the 980 undivided local government fund to each subdivision eligible to 981 participate in the fund, and the auditor, when the amount of 982 those shares is in the custody of the treasurer in the amounts 983 so computed to be due the respective subdivisions, shall at the 984 same time certify to the tax commissioner the percentage share 985 of the county as a subdivision. All money received into the 986 treasury of a subdivision from the undivided local government 987 fund in a county treasury shall be paid into the general fund 988 and used for the current operating expenses of the subdivision. 989

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If a municipal corporation maintains a municipal university, the	990
university, when the board of trustees so requests the	991
legislative authority of the municipal corporation, shall	992
participate in the money apportioned to the municipal	993
corporation from the total local government fund, however	994
created and constituted, in the amount requested by the board of	995
trustees, provided that amount does not exceed nine per cent of	996
the total amount paid to the municipal corporation.	997
(G) The actions of the county budget commission taken	998
pursuant to this section are final and may not be appealed to	999
the board of tax appeals, except on the issues of abuse of	1000
discretion and failure to comply with the formula.	1001
Section 2. That existing sections 1901.18, 1901.20,	1002
1907.02, 1907.031, 4511.092, 4511.093, 4511.096, 4511.097,	1003
4511.098, 4511.0910, 5747.51, and 5747.53 and sections 4511.099,	1004
4511.0915, and 5747.502 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.	1005
Section 3. Section 5747.51 of the Revised Code is	1006
presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended	1007
by both Sub. H.B. 166 and Sub. H.B. 390 of the 131st General	1008
Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in	1009
division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments	1010
are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous	1011
operation, finds that the composite is the resulting version of	1012
the section in effect prior to the effective date of the section	1013
as presented in this act.	1014