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Chairman Hambley, Vice Chairman Patton, Ranking Member Brown, and members of the Civil Justice Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 126. The legislation before you would establish a statute of limitations of 275 days for a constitutional challenge under the single subject rule.

As many of you may be aware, the single subject rule has graced our state for many decades. Currently, there is no codified statute of limitation specifically regarding the single subject rule in the State of Ohio and anyone with working knowledge of the biennial budget realizes the spotted application of the single subject rule.

House Bill 126 is very simple, it proposes a limit to litigation surrounding single subject litigation to one year. The breakdown of such time equates to 30 days from when the Governor signs the legislation and 275 days after the effective day in which to bring forth litigation.

It is not fair to our constituents to leave the possibility of litigation past one year. House Bill 126 provides a clear and fair window of time past which entities cannot challenge enacted laws on the basis. However, under this legislation, there will remain an opportunity to challenge any enacted laws on any other basis, just not on the technicality that some might find a violation of the single subject rule.

Chairman Hambley, Vice Chairman Patton, Ranking Member Brown, and members of the Civil Justice Committee, it is my belief that this legislation is fair to all Ohioans no matter how they approach the single subject rule.

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to answering any questions that you may have.