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A BILL

To permit counties to receive payments by a drop
box instead of in-person for the duration of the
Governor's COVID-19 emergency declaration and to
declare an emergency.

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised
Code requiring payments to a county, county elected official, or
county agency to be made in person, such payments may be made by
use of a secured drop box made available to the public by the
county, official, or agency for the duration of the emergency
declared by Executive Order 2020-01D, issued on March 9, 2020.
Any such county, official, or agency using such a drop box shall
collect payments made thereby not less than once each day.
Payments made by use of the drop box and collected on a day
shall be considered to have been paid on the preceding day for
the purpose of determining the timeliness of a payment. A
county, county official, or county agency using a drop box under
the authority of this section may prohibit payments in the form
of currency to be made by use of the drop box.

Section 2. This act is hereby declared to be an emergency 19
measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 20
peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is to 21
ensure the continued fiscal soundness of counties' programs and 22
operations without causing unnecessary person-to-person contact 23
during the ongoing COVID-19 disease outbreak. Therefore, this 24
act shall go into immediate effect. 25