

(134th General Assembly)
(House Bill Number 177)

AN ACT

To enact section 9.16 of the Revised Code to allow a governmental entity to utilize distributed ledger technology, including blockchain technology.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That section 9.16 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 9.16. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Governmental entity" means the state or a political subdivision.

(2) "Political subdivision" has the same meaning as in section 9.48 of the Revised Code.

(3) "State" has the same meaning as in section 2744.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) A governmental entity may utilize distributed ledger technology, including blockchain technology, in the exercise of its authority.

Speaker _____ *of the House of Representatives.*

President _____ *of the Senate.*

Passed _____, 20____

Approved _____, 20____

Governor.

The section numbering of law of a general and permanent nature is complete and in conformity with the Revised Code.

Director, Legislative Service Commission.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio, on the ____ day of _____, A. D. 20 ____.

Secretary of State.

File No. _____ Effective Date _____