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A BILL

То	amend sections 307.204, 503.01, 505.10, 505.266,	1
	4113.52, 5709.41, 5709.74, 5709.75, 5709.78, and	2
	5709.85 of the Revised Code to make various	3
	township law changes.	4

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

Section 1. That sections 307.204, 503.01, 505.10, 505.200,	5
4113.52, 5709.41, 5709.74, 5709.75, 5709.78, and 5709.85 of the	6
Revised Code be amended to read as follows:	7
Sec. 307.204. (A) As used in this section:	8
(1) "Concentrated animal feeding facility" and "major	9
concentrated animal feeding facility" have the same meanings as	10
in section 903.01 of the Revised Code.	11
(2) "Facility" means a proposed new or expanded major	12
concentrated animal feeding facility.	13
(3) "Improvement" means the construction, modification, or	14
both of county infrastructure.	15
(B) A person who proposes to do any of the following shall	16
provide written notification as required under division (C) of	17

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shall select final recommendations and submit them to the person not later than thirty days after the receipt of the alternative recommendations or modifications.

- (F)(1) The board shall prepare a written, dated statement 79 certifying that the written notification required under this 80 section was submitted and that final recommendations were 81 selected regarding needed improvements and the costs of those 82 improvements. The board shall provide the person with the 83 original of the statement so that the person can include it with 84 the application for a permit to install for the facility as 85 required under division (C)(4) of section 903.02 of the Revised 86 Code. The board shall retain a copy of the statement for its 87 records. 88
- (2) If the board fails to prepare a written, dated statement in accordance with division (F)(1) of this section within seventy-five days of receiving the initial written notification by certified mail from the person, the person instead shall file with the application for a permit to install for the facility a notarized affidavit declaring that the person has met the criteria established in this section and that a written, dated statement was not received by the person from the board.
- (G) If the person receives a written, dated statement from 98 the board as provided in division (F)(1) of this section, the 99 person shall construct, modify, and maintain or finance the 100 construction, modification, and maintenance of improvements as 101 provided in the board's final recommendations and with the 102 approval and oversight of the county engineer. If the person 103 fails to do so, the board shall notify the person either by 104 certified mail or, if the board has record of an internet 105

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corporate, for the purpose of enjoying and exercising the rights	135
and privileges conferred upon it by law. It may sue and be sued,	136
plead and be impleaded, and receive and hold real estate by	137
devise or deed, or receive and hold personal property for the	138
benefit of the township for any useful purpose. The board of	139
township trustees shall hold such property in trust for the	140
township for the purpose specified in the devise, bequest, or	141
deed of gift. Such board may also receive any conveyance of real	142
estate to the township, when necessary to secure or pay a debt	143
or claim due such township, and may sell and convey real estate	144
so received. The proceeds of such sale shall be applied to the	145
fund to which such debt or claim belonged. The board of township	146
trustees may acquire real property within the unincorporated	147
territory of the township in order to provide needed public	148
improvements to the property pursuant to <u>section 5709.41 or</u>	149
sections 5709.73 to 5709.75 of the Revised Code. The board of	150
township trustees may enter into contracts with municipal	151
corporations pursuant to section 715.70, 715.71, or 715.72 of	152
the Revised Code, and with counties pursuant to division (D) of	153
section 715.72 of the Revised Code, to create a joint economic	154
development district.	155

Whenever the board finds it necessary to determine the value of any real property the township owns or proposes to acquire by purchase, lease, or otherwise, the board may employ for reasonable compensation competent appraisers to advise it of the value of the property or expert witnesses to testify to the value in an appropriation proceeding.

Sec. 505.10. (A) The board of township trustees may

accept, on behalf of the township, the donation by bequest,

devise, deed of gift, or otherwise, of any real or personal

property for any township use. When the township has property,

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including motor vehicles, road machinery, equipment, and tools,	166
that the board, by resolution, finds is not needed for public	167
use, is obsolete, or is unfit for the use for which it was	168
acquired, the board may sell and convey that property or	169
otherwise dispose of it in accordance with this section. Except	170
as otherwise provided in sections 505.08, 505.101, and 505.102	171
of the Revised Code, the sale or other disposition of unneeded,	172
obsolete, or unfit-for-use property shall be made in accordance	173
with one of the following:	174

- (1) If the fair market value of property to be sold is, in 175 the opinion of the board, in excess of two thousand five hundred 176 dollars, the sale shall be by public auction or by sealed bid to 177 the highest bidder. The board shall publish notice of the time, 178 place, and manner of the sale once a week for two weeks in a 179 newspaper published, or of general circulation, in the township, 180 and shall post a typewritten or printed notice of the time, 181 place, and manner of the sale in the office of the board for at 182 least ten days prior to the sale. The board may also cause 183 notice to be inserted in trade papers or other publications 184 designated by it or to be distributed by electronic means, 185 including posting the notice on the board's internet web site. 186 If the board posts the notice on its web site, it may eliminate 187 the second notice otherwise required to be published in a 188 newspaper published or of general circulation in the township, 189 provided that the first notice published in such newspaper meets 190 all of the following requirements: 191
- (a) It is published at least two weeks before the sale of 192 the property.
- (b) It includes a statement that the notice is posted on 194 the board's internet web site. 195

(c) It includes the internet address of the board's	196
internet web site.	197
(d) It includes instructions describing how the notice may	198
be accessed on the board's internet web site.	199
If the board conducts the sale of the property by sealed	200
bid, the form of the bid shall be as prescribed by the board,	201
and each bid shall contain the name of the person submitting it.	202
Bids received shall be opened and tabulated at the time stated	203
in the published and posted notices. The property shall be sold	204
to the highest bidder, except that the board may reject all bids	205
and hold another sale, by public auction or sealed bid, in the	206
manner prescribed by this section.	207
(2) If the fair market value of property to be sold is, in	208
the opinion of the board, two thousand five hundred dollars or	209
less, the board may do either of the following:	210
(a) Sell the property by private sale, without	211
advertisement or public notification;	212
(b) Donate the property to an eligible nonprofit	213
organization that is located in this state and is exempt from	214
federal income taxation pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 501(a) and (c)(3).	215
Before donating any property under this division, the board	216
shall adopt a resolution expressing its intent to make unneeded,	217
obsolete, or unfit-for-use township property available to these-	218
organizations. The resolution shall include guidelines and	219
procedures the board considers to be necessary to implement the	220
donation program and shall indicate whether the township will	221
conduct the donation program or the board will contract with a	222
representative to conduct it. If a representative is known when	223

the resolution is adopted, the resolution shall provide contact-

information such as the representative's name, address, and	225
telephone number.	226
The resolution shall include within its procedures a	227
requirement that any nonprofit organization desiring to obtain	228
donated property under this division shall submit a written-	229
notice to the board or its representative. The written notice	230
shall include Before donating property, the nonprofit	231
organization shall provide the board evidence that the	232
organization is a nonprofit organization that is located in this	233
state and is exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to 26	234
U.S.C. 501(a) and (c)(3); a description of the organization's	235
primary purpose; a description of the type or types of property-	236
the organization needs; and the name, address, and telephone	237
number of a person designated by the organization's governing-	238
board to receive donated property and to serve as its agent.	239
After adoption of the resolution, the board shall publish,	240
in a newspaper of general circulation in the township, notice of	241
its intent to donate unneeded, obsolete, or unfit-for-use-	242
township property to eligible nonprofit organizations. The-	243
notice shall include a summary of the information provided in	244
the resolution and shall be published at least twice. A similar	245
notice also shall be posted continually in the board's office.	246
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The board may also cause notice to be inserted in trade papers	
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or other publications designated by it or to be distributed by	
or other publications designated by it or to be distributed by electronic means, including posting the notice on the board's	249
or other publications designated by it or to be distributed by electronic means, including posting the notice on the board's internet web site. If the board posts the notice on its web	249 250
or other publications designated by it or to be distributed by electronic means, including posting the notice on the board's internet web site. If the board posts the notice on its website, it may eliminate the second notice otherwise required to	249 250 251

(i) It is published at least two weeks before the donation-	255
of the property.	256
(ii) It includes a statement that the notice is posted on	257
the board's internet web site.	258
the board's internet web site.	230
(iii) It includes the internet address of the board's	259
internet web site.	260
(iv) It includes instructions describing how the notice	261
may be accessed on the board's internet web site.	262
The board or its representatives shall maintain a list of	263
all nonprofit organizations that notify the board or its	264
representative of their desire to obtain donated property under	265
this division and that the board or its representative	266
determines to be eligible, in accordance with the requirements	267
set forth in this section and in the donation program's	268
quidelines and procedures, to receive donated property.	269
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The board or its representative also shall maintain a list	270
of all township property the board finds to be unneeded,	271
obsolete, or unfit for use and to be available for donation-	272
under this division. The list shall be posted continually in a	273
conspicuous location in the board's office, and, if the township	274
maintains a web site on the internet, the list shall be posted	275
continually at that web site. An item of property on the list	276
shall be donated to the eligible nonprofit organization that	277
first declares to the board or its representative its desire to	278
obtain the item unless the board previously has established, by	279
resolution, a list of eligible nonprofit organizations that	280
shall be given priority with respect to the item's donation.	281
Priority may be given on the basis that the purposes of a	282
nonprofit organization have a direct relationship to specific	283

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public purposes of programs provided or administered by the	284
board. A resolution giving priority to certain nonprofit	285
organizations with respect to the donation of an item of	286
property shall specify the reasons why the organizations are	287
given that priority.	288

- (3) If the board finds, by resolution, that the township has motor vehicles, road machinery, equipment, or tools that are not needed or are unfit for public use, and the board wishes to sell the motor vehicles, road machinery, equipment, or tools to the person or firm from which it proposes to purchase other motor vehicles, road machinery, equipment, or tools, the board may offer to sell the motor vehicles, road machinery, equipment, or tools to that person or firm, and to have the selling price credited to the person or firm against the purchase price of other motor vehicles, road machinery, equipment, or tools.
- (4) If the board advertises for bids for the sale of new 299 motor vehicles, road machinery, equipment, or tools to the 300 township, it may include in the same advertisement a notice of 301 the willingness of the board to accept bids for the purchase of 302 township-owned motor vehicles, road machinery, equipment, or 303 tools that are obsolete or not needed for public use, and to 304 have the amount of those bids subtracted from the selling price 305 of the new motor vehicles, road machinery, equipment, or tools, 306 as a means of determining the lowest responsible bidder. 307
- (5) When a township has title to real property, the board
 of township trustees, by resolution, may authorize the transfer
 and conveyance of that property to any other political
 subdivision of the state upon such terms as are agreed to
 between the board and the legislative authority of that
 political subdivision.

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(6) When a township has title to real property and the	314
board of township trustees wishes to sell or otherwise transfer	315
the property, the board, upon a unanimous vote of its members	316
and by resolution, may authorize the transfer and conveyance of	317
that real property to any person upon whatever terms are agreed	318
to between the board and that person.	319
(7) If the board of township trustees determines that	320
township personal property is not needed for public use, or is	321
obsolete or unfit for the use for which it was acquired, and	322
that the property has no value, the board may discard or salvage	323
that property.	324
(B) When the board has offered property at public auction	325
under this section and has not received an acceptable offer, the	326
board, by resolution, may enter into a contract, without	327
advertising or bidding, for the sale of that property. The	328
resolution shall specify a minimum acceptable price and the	329
minimum acceptable terms for the contract. The minimum	330
acceptable price shall not be lower than the minimum price	331
established for the public auction.	332
(C) Members of the board shall consult with the Ohio	333
ethics commission and comply with the provisions of Chapters	334
102. and 2921. of the Revised Code, with respect to any sale or	335
donation under division (A)(2) of this section to a nonprofit	336
organization of which a township trustee, any member of the	337
township trustee's family, or any business associate of the	338
township trustee is a trustee, officer, board member, or	339
employee.	340
(D) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in division	341
(A) or (B) of this section and regardless of the property's	342

value, the board may sell personal property, including motor

vehicles, road machinery, equipment, tools, or supplies, that is	344
not needed for public use, is obsolete, or is unfit for the use	345
for which it was acquired, by internet auction. The board shall	346
adopt, during each calendar year, a resolution expressing its	347
intent to sell that property by internet auction. The resolution	348
shall include a description of how the auctions will be	349
conducted and shall specify the number of days for bidding on	350
the property, which shall be no less than ten days, including	351
Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. The resolution shall	352
indicate whether the township will conduct the auction or the	353
board will contract with a representative to conduct the auction	354
and shall establish the general terms and conditions of sale. If	355
a representative is known when the resolution is adopted, the	356
resolution shall provide contact information such as the	357
representative's name, address, and telephone number.	358

After adoption of the resolution, the board shall publish, 359 in a newspaper of general circulation in the township, notice of 360 its intent to sell unneeded, obsolete, or unfit-for-use township 361 personal property by internet auction. The notice shall include 362 a summary of the information provided in the resolution and 363 shall be published at least twice. A similar notice also shall 364 be posted continually throughout the calendar year in a 365 conspicuous place in the board's office. The board may also 366 cause notice to be inserted in trade papers or other 367 publications designated by it or to be distributed by electronic 368 means, including posting the notice on the board's internet web 369 site. If the board posts the notice on its web site, it may 370 eliminate the second notice otherwise required to be published 371 in a newspaper of general circulation in the township, provided 372 that the first notice published in such newspaper meets all of 373 the following requirements: 374

(1) It is published at least two weeks before the internet	375
auction begins.	376
(2) It includes a statement that the notice is posted on	377
the board's internet web site.	378
the board 3 internet web site.	370
(3) It includes the internet address of the board's	379
internet web site.	380
(4) It includes instructions describing how the notice may	381
be accessed on the board's internet web site.	382
When property is to be sold by internet auction, the board	383
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or its representative may establish a minimum price that will be	
accepted for specific items and may establish any other terms	385
and conditions for the particular sale, including requirements	386
for pick-up or delivery, method of payment, and sales tax. This	387
type of information shall be provided on the internet at the	388
time of the auction and may be provided before that time upon	389
request, after the terms and conditions have been determined by	390
the board or its representative.	391
Sec. 505.266. (A) As used in this section:	392
(1) "Concentrated animal feeding facility" and "major	393
concentrated animal feeding facility" have the same meanings as	394
in section 903.01 of the Revised Code.	395
(2) "Facility" means a proposed new or expanded major	396
concentrated animal feeding facility.	397
(3) "Improvement" means the construction, modification, or	398
both of township infrastructure.	399
(B) A person who proposes to do any of the following shall	400
provide written notification as required under division (C) of	401
this section to the board of township trustees of the township	402

in which a facility is or is to be located:	403
(1) Establish a new major concentrated animal feeding	404
facility;	405
(2) Increase the design capacity of an existing major	406
concentrated animal feeding facility by ten per cent or more in	407
excess of the design capacity set forth in the current permit	408
for construction or modification of the facility or for	409
installation or modification of the disposal system for manure	410
at the facility issued under section 903.02 or division (J) of	411
section 6111.03 of the Revised Code, as applicable;	412
(3) Increase the design capacity of an existing	413
concentrated animal feeding facility by ten per cent or more in	414
excess of the design capacity set forth in the current permit	415
for construction or modification of the facility or for	416
installation or modification of the disposal system for manure	417
at the facility issued under section 903.02 or division (J) of	418
section 6111.03 of the Revised Code, as applicable, and to a	419
design capacity of more than ten times the number of animals	420
specified in any of the categories in division (M) of section	421
903.01 of the Revised Code.	422
(C) The person shall notify the board in writing by	423
certified or ordinary mail of the proposed construction or	424
expansion of the facility and include the following information:	425
(1) The anticipated travel routes of motor vehicles to and	426
from the facility;	427
(2) The anticipated number and weights of motor vehicles	428
traveling to and from the facility.	429
(D) At the request of the board, the county engineer may	430
review the written notification and advise the board on both of	431

the following:	432
(1) Improvements and maintenance of improvements that are	433
reasonably needed in order to accommodate the impact on township	434
infrastructure that is anticipated as a result of the facility,	435
including increased travel or the types of vehicles on township	436
roads;	437
(2) The projected costs of the improvements and	438
maintenance.	439
Not later than ten days after receiving the written	440
notification, the board may request the person to provide	441
additional reasonable and relevant information regarding the	442
impact of the facility on township infrastructure. The person	443
shall provide the information not later than ten days after the	444
request is made.	445
(E)(1) Not later than thirty days after the initial	446
written notification is received by the board, the board shall	447
submit to the person its recommendations, if any, concerning the	448
improvements that will be needed as a result of the facility and	449
the cost of those improvements.	450
(2) Not later than fifteen days after receipt of the	451
board's recommendations, the person shall notify the board	452
either that the person agrees with the recommendations and will	453
implement them or that the person is submitting reasonable	454
alternative recommendations or modifications to the board. If	455
the person agrees with the recommendations, they shall be	456
considered to be the board's final recommendations.	457
(3) If the board receives alternative recommendations or	458
modifications under division (E)(2) of this section, the board	459
shall select final recommendations and submit them to the person	460

not later than thirty days after the receipt of the alternative 461 recommendations or modifications. 462

- (F)(1) The board shall prepare a written, dated statement 463 certifying that the written notification required under this 464 section was submitted and that final recommendations were 465 selected regarding needed improvements and the costs of those 466 improvements. The board shall provide the person with the 467 original of the statement so that the person can include it with 468 the application for a permit to install for the facility as 469 required under division (C)(5) of section 903.02 of the Revised 470 Code. The board shall retain a copy of the statement for its 471 records. 472
- (2) If the board fails to prepare a written, dated 473 statement in accordance with division (F)(1) of this section 474 within seventy-five days of receiving the initial written 475 notification by certified mail from the person, the person 476 instead shall file with the application for a permit to install 477 for the facility a notarized affidavit declaring that the person 478 has met the criteria established in this section and that a 479 480 written, dated statement was not received by the person from the board. 481
- (G) If the person receives a written, dated statement from 482 the board as provided in division (F)(1) of this section, the 483 person shall construct, modify, and maintain or finance the 484 construction, modification, and maintenance of improvements as 485 provided in the board's final recommendations and with the 486 approval and oversight of the county engineer. If the person 487 fails to do so, the board shall notify the person either by 488 certified mail or, if the board has record of an internet 489 identifier of record associated with the person, by ordinary 490

(I) As used in this section, "internet identifier of 515 record" has the same meaning as in section 9.312 of the Revised 516 Code. 517

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recommendation proceedings.

Sec. 4113.52. "(A)(1)(a) If an employee becomes aware in 518 the course of the employee's employment of a violation of any 519

state or federal statute or any ordinance or regulation of a	520
political subdivision that the employee's employer has authority	521
to correct, and the employee reasonably believes that the	522
violation is a criminal offense that is likely to cause an	523
imminent risk of physical harm to persons or a hazard to public	524
health or safety, a felony, or an improper solicitation for a	525
contribution, the employee orally shall notify the employee's	526
supervisor or other responsible officer of the employee's	527
employer of the violation and subsequently shall file with that	528
supervisor or officer a written report that provides sufficient	529
detail to identify and describe the violation. If the employer	530
does not correct the violation or make a reasonable and good	531
faith effort to correct the violation within twenty-four hours	532
after the oral notification or the receipt of the report,	533
whichever is earlier, the employee may file a written report	534
that provides sufficient detail to identify and describe the	535
violation with the prosecuting authority of the county or	536
municipal corporation where the violation occurred, with a peace	537
officer, with the inspector general if the violation is within	538
the inspector general's jurisdiction, with the auditor of	539
state's fraud-reporting system under section 117.103 of the	540
Revised Code if applicable, or with any other appropriate public	541
official or agency that has regulatory authority over the	542
employer and the industry, trade, or business in which the	543
employer is engaged.	544

(b) If an employee makes a report under division (A)(1)(a) 545 of this section, the employer, within twenty-four hours after 546 the oral notification was made or the report was received or by 547 the close of business on the next regular business day following 548 the day on which the oral notification was made or the report 549 was received, whichever is later, shall notify the employee, in 550

writing, of any effort of the employer to correct the alleged	551
violation or hazard or of the absence of the alleged violation	552
or hazard.	553

- (2) If an employee becomes aware in the course of the employee's employment of a violation of chapter 3704., 3734., 6109., or 6111. of the Revised Code that is a criminal offense, the employee directly may notify, either orally or in writing, any appropriate public official or agency that has regulatory authority over the employer and the industry, trade, or business in which the employer is engaged.
- (3) If an employee becomes aware in the course of the employee's employment of a violation by a fellow employee of any state or federal statute, any ordinance or regulation of a political subdivision, or any work rule or company policy of the employee's employer and the employee reasonably believes that the violation is a criminal offense that is likely to cause an imminent risk of physical harm to persons or a hazard to public health or safety, a felony, or an improper solicitation for a contribution, the employee orally shall notify the employee's supervisor or other responsible officer of the employee's employer of the violation and subsequently shall file with that supervisor or officer a written report that provides sufficient detail to identify and describe the violation.
- (B) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) of this 574 section, no employer shall take any disciplinary or retaliatory 575 action against an employee for making any report authorized by 576 division (A)(1) or (2) of this section, or as a result of the 577 employee's having made any inquiry or taken any other action to 578 ensure the accuracy of any information reported under either 579 such division. No employer shall take any disciplinary or 580

retaliatory action against an employee for making any report	581
authorized by division (A)(3) of this section if the employee	582
made a reasonable and good faith effort to determine the	583
accuracy of any information so reported, or as a result of the	584
employee's having made any inquiry or taken any other action to	585
ensure the accuracy of any information reported under that	586
division. For purposes of this division, disciplinary or	587
retaliatory action by the employer includes, without limitation,	588
doing any of the following:	589
(1) Removing or suspending the employee from employment;	590
(2) Withholding from the employee salary increases or	591
employee benefits to which the employee is otherwise entitled;	592
(3) Transferring or reassigning the employee;	593
(4) Denying the employee a promotion that otherwise would	594
have been received;	595
(5) Reducing the employee in pay or position.	596
(C) An employee shall make a reasonable and good faith	597
effort to determine the accuracy of any information reported	598
under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section. If the employee	599
who makes a report under either division fails to make such an	600
effort, the employee may be subject to disciplinary action by	601
the employee's employer, including suspension or removal, for	602
reporting information without a reasonable basis to do so under	603
division (A)(1) or (2) of this section.	604
(D) If an employer takes any disciplinary or retaliatory	605
action against an employee as a result of the employee's having	606
filed a report under division (A) of this section, the employee	607
may bring a civil action for appropriate injunctive relief or	608
for the remedies set forth in division (E) of this section, or	609

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both, within one hundred eighty days after the date the	610
disciplinary or retaliatory action was taken, in a court of	611
common pleas in accordance with the Rules of Civil Procedure. A	612
civil action under this division is not available to an employee	613
as a remedy for any disciplinary or retaliatory action taken by	614
an appointing authority against the employee as a result of the	615
employee's having filed a report under division (A) of section	616
124.341 of the Revised Code.	617

- (E) The court, in rendering a judgment for the employee in 618 an action brought pursuant to division (D) of this section, may 619 order, as it determines appropriate, reinstatement of the 620 employee to the same position that the employee held at the time 621 of the disciplinary or retaliatory action and at the same site 622 of employment or to a comparable position at that site, the 623 payment of back wages, full reinstatement of fringe benefits and 624 seniority rights, or any combination of these remedies. The 625 court also may award the prevailing party all or a portion of 626 the costs of litigation and, if the employee who brought the 627 action prevails in the action, may award the prevailing employee 628 reasonable attorney's fees, witness fees, and fees for experts 629 who testify at trial, in an amount the court determines 630 appropriate. If the court determines that an employer 631 deliberately has violated division (B) of this section, the 632 court, in making an award of back pay, may include interest at 633 the rate specified in section 1343.03 of the Revised Code. 634
- (F) Any report filed with the inspector general under this section shall be filed as a complaint in accordance with section 121.46 of the Revised Code.
 - (G) As used in this section:
 - (1) "Contribution" has the same meaning as in section

3517.01 of the Revised Code.	640
(2) "Improper solicitation for a contribution" means a	641
solicitation for a contribution that satisfies all of the	642
following:	643
(a) The solicitation violates division (B), (C), or (D) of	644
section 3517.092 of the Revised Code;	645
(b) The solicitation is made in person by a public	646
official or by an employee who has a supervisory role within the	647
public office;	648
(c) The public official or employee knowingly made the	649
solicitation, and the solicitation violates division (B), (C),	650
or (D) of section 3517.092 of the Revised Code;	651
(d) The employee reporting the solicitation is an employee	652
of the same public office as the public official or the employee	653
with the supervisory role who is making the solicitation.	654
Sec. 5709.41. (A) As used in this section:	655
(1) "Business day" means a day of the week excluding	656
Saturday, Sunday, and a legal holiday as defined under section	657
1.14 of the Revised Code.	658
(2) "Improvement" means the increase in assessed value of	659
any parcel of property subsequent to the acquisition of the	660
parcel by a municipal corporation engaged in urban redevelopment	661
or by a township engaged in redevelopment.	662
(B) The legislative authority of a municipal corporation	663
or township, by ordinance or resolution, may declare to be a	664
public purpose any improvement to a parcel of real property if	665
both of the following apply:	666

(1) The municipal corporation or township held fee title	667
to the parcel prior to the adoption of the ordinance <u>or</u>	668
<pre>resolution;</pre>	669
(2) The parcel is leased, or the fee of the parcel is	670

(2) The parcel is leased, or the fee of the parcel is conveyed, to any person either before or after adoption of the ordinance or resolution.

Improvements used or to be used for residential purposes may be declared a public purpose under this section only if the parcel is located in a blighted area of an impacted city, in the case of a municipal corporation, or in a blighted area, in the case of a township, as those terms are defined in section 1728.01 of the Revised Code. For this purpose, "parcel that is used or to be used for residential purposes" means a parcel that, as improved, is used or to be used for purposes that would cause the tax commissioner to classify the parcel as residential property in accordance with rules adopted by the commissioner under section 5713.041 of the Revised Code.

- (C) Except as otherwise provided in division (C)(1), (2), or (3) of this section, not more than seventy-five per cent of an improvement thus declared to be a public purpose may be exempted from real property taxation. The ordinance or resolution shall specify the percentage of the improvement to be exempted from taxation. If a parcel is located in a new community district in which the new community authority imposes a community development charge on the basis of rentals received from leases of real property as described in division (L)(2) of section 349.01 of the Revised Code, the parcel may not be exempted from taxation under this section.
- (1) If the ordinance <u>or resolution</u> declaring improvements 695 to a parcel to be a public purpose specifies that payments in 696

lieu of taxes provided for in section 5709.42 or 5709.74 of the 697 Revised Code shall be paid to the city, local, or exempted 698 village school district in which the parcel is located in the 699 amount of the taxes that would have been payable to the school 700 district if the improvements had not been exempted from 701 taxation, the percentage of the improvement that may be exempted 702 from taxation may exceed seventy-five per cent, and the 703 704 exemption may be granted for up to thirty years, without the approval of the board of education as otherwise required under 705 division (C)(2) of this section. 706

707 (2) Improvements may be exempted from taxation for up to ten years or, with the approval of the board of education of the 708 city, local, or exempted village school district within the 709 territory of which the improvements are or will be located, for 710 up to thirty years. The percentage of the improvement exempted 711 from taxation may, with such approval, exceed seventy-five per 712 cent, but shall not exceed one hundred per cent. Not later than 713 forty-five business days prior to adopting an ordinance or 714 resolution under this section, the legislative authority shall 715 deliver to the board of education a notice stating its intent to 716 declare improvements to be a public purpose under this section. 717 The notice shall describe the parcel and the improvements, 718 provide an estimate of the true value in money of the 719 improvements, specify the period for which the improvements 720 would be exempted from taxation and the percentage of the 721 improvements that would be exempted, and indicate the date on 722 which the legislative authority intends to adopt the ordinance 723 or resolution. The board of education, by resolution adopted by 724 a majority of the board, may approve the exemption for the 725 period or for the exemption percentage specified in the notice, 726 may disapprove the exemption for the number of years in excess 727

of ten, may disapprove the exemption for the percentage of the	728
improvements to be exempted in excess of seventy-five per cent,	729
or both, or may approve the exemption on the condition that the	730
legislative authority and the board negotiate an agreement	731
providing for compensation to the school district equal in value	732
to a percentage of the amount of taxes exempted in the eleventh	733
and subsequent years of the exemption period, or, in the case of	734
exemption percentages in excess of seventy-five per cent,	735
compensation equal in value to a percentage of the taxes that	736
would be payable on the portion of the improvement in excess of	737
seventy-five per cent were that portion to be subject to	738
taxation. The board of education shall certify its resolution to	739
the legislative authority not later than fourteen days prior to	740
the date the legislative authority intends to adopt the	741
ordinance or resolution as indicated in the notice. If the board	742
of education approves the exemption on the condition that a	743
compensation agreement be negotiated, the board in its	744
resolution shall propose a compensation percentage. If the board	745
of education and the legislative authority negotiate a mutually	746
acceptable compensation agreement, the ordinance or resolution	747
may declare the improvements a public purpose for the number of	748
years specified in the ordinance or resolution or, in the case	749
of exemption percentages in excess of seventy-five per cent, for	750
the exemption percentage specified in the ordinance <u>or</u>	751
resolution. In either case, if the board and the legislative	752
authority fail to negotiate a mutually acceptable compensation	753
agreement, the ordinance or resolution may declare the	754
improvements a public purpose for not more than ten years, but	755
shall not exempt more than seventy-five per cent of the	756
improvements from taxation. If the board fails to certify a	757
resolution to the legislative authority within the time	758
prescribed by this division, the legislative authority thereupon	759

may adopt the ordinance <u>or resolution</u> and may declare the	760
improvements a public purpose for up to thirty years. The	761
legislative authority may adopt the ordinance or resolution at	762
any time after the board of education certifies its resolution	763
approving the exemption to the legislative authority, or, if the	764
board approves the exemption on the condition that a mutually	765
acceptable compensation agreement be negotiated, at any time	766
after the compensation agreement is agreed to by the board and	767
the legislative authority. If a mutually acceptable compensation	768
agreement is negotiated between the legislative authority and	769
the board, including agreements for payments in lieu of taxes	770
under section 5709.42 or 5709.74 of the Revised Code, the	771
legislative authority shall compensate the joint vocational	772
school district within the territory of which the improvements	773
are or will be located at the same rate and under the same terms	774
received by the city, local, or exempted village school	775
district.	776

(3) If a board of education has adopted a resolution 777 waiving its right to approve exemptions from taxation and the 778 resolution remains in effect, approval of exemptions by the 779 board is not required under this division. If a board of 780 education has adopted a resolution allowing a legislative 781 authority to deliver the notice required under this division 782 fewer than forty-five business days prior to the legislative 783 authority's adoption of the ordinance or resolution, the 784 legislative authority shall deliver the notice to the board not 785 later than the number of days prior to such adoption as 786 prescribed by the board in its resolution. If a board of 787 education adopts a resolution waiving its right to approve 788 exemptions or shortening the notification period, the board 789 shall certify a copy of the resolution to the legislative 790

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authority. If the board of education rescinds such a resolution, 791 it shall certify notice of the rescission to the legislative 792 authority.

- (4) If the legislative authority is not required by division (C)(1), (2), or (3) of this section to notify the board of education of the legislative authority's intent to declare improvements to be a public purpose, the legislative authority shall comply with the notice requirements imposed under section 5709.83 of the Revised Code, unless the board has adopted a resolution under that section waiving its right to receive such a notice.
- (5) Nothing in division (C) of this section prohibits the 802 legislative authority of a municipal corporation or township 803 from amending the ordinance or resolution under section 5709.51 804 of the Revised Code to extend the term of the exemption. 805
- (D) An exemption granted under this section commences with 806 the tax year specified in the ordinance or resolution so long as 807 the year specified in the ordinance or resolution commences 808 after the effective date of the ordinance or resolution. If the 809 ordinance or resolution specifies a year commencing before the 810 effective date of the ordinance or resolution or specifies no 811 year, the exemption commences with the tax year in which an 812 exempted improvement first appears on the tax list and that 813 commences after the effective date of the ordinance or 814 <u>resolution</u>. In lieu of stating a specific year, the ordinance<u>or</u> 815 resolution may provide that the exemption commences in the tax 816 year in which the value of an improvement exceeds a specified 817 amount or in which the construction of one or more improvements 818 is completed, provided that such tax year commences after the 819 effective date of the ordinance or resolution. In lieu of 820

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stating a specific year, the ordinance or resolution may allow	821
for the exemption to commence in different tax years on a	822
parcel-by-parcel basis, with a separate exemption term specified	823
for each parcel. The exemption ends on the date specified in the	824
ordinance or resolution as the date the improvement ceases to be	825
a public purpose. The exemption shall be claimed and allowed in	826
the same or a similar manner as in the case of other real	827
property exemptions. If an exemption status changes during a tax	828
year, the procedure for the apportionment of the taxes for that	829
year is the same as in the case of other changes in tax	830
exemption status during the year.	831

(E) A municipal corporation or township, not later than fifteen days after the adoption of an ordinance or resolution granting a tax exemption under this section, shall submit to the director of development a copy of the ordinance or resolution.

On or before the thirty-first day of March each year, the municipal corporation or township shall submit a status report to the director of development outlining the progress of the project during each year that the exemption remains in effect.

Sec. 5709.74. (A) A township that has declared an 840 improvement to be a public purpose under section 5709.41 or 841 5709.73 of the Revised Code may require the owner of the parcel 842 to make annual service payments in lieu of taxes to the county 843 treasurer on or before the final dates for payment of real 844 property taxes. Each payment shall be charged and collected in 845 the same manner and in the same amount as the real property 846 taxes that would have been charged and payable against any 847 improvement made on the parcel if it were not exempt from 848 taxation. If any reduction in the levies otherwise applicable to 849 the exempt property is made by the county budget commission 850 under section 5705.31 of the Revised Code, the amount of the 851

service payment in lieu of taxes shall be calculated as if a	852
reduction in levies had not been made. A township shall not	853
require an owner to make annual service payments in lieu of	854
taxes pursuant to this section after the date on which the	855
township has been paid back in full for the public	856
infrastructure improvements made pursuant to sections 5709.73 to	857
5709.75 of the Revised Code.	858

- (B) Moneys collected as service payments in lieu of taxes 859 shall be distributed at the same time and in the same manner as 860 real property tax payments. However, subject to division (C) of 861 this section or section 5709.913 of the Revised Code, the entire 862 amount so collected shall be distributed to the township in 863 which the improvement is located. If a parcel upon which moneys 864 are collected as service payments in lieu of taxes is annexed to 865 a municipal corporation, the service payments shall continue to 866 be collected and distributed to the township in which the parcel 867 was located before its annexation until the township is paid 868 back in full for the cost of any public infrastructure 869 improvements it made on the parcel. The treasurer shall maintain 870 a record of the service payments in lieu of taxes made from 871 property in each township. 872
- (C) If annual service payments in lieu of taxes are 873 required under this section, the county treasurer shall 874 distribute to the appropriate taxing authorities the portion of 875 the service payments that represent payments required under 876 division (F) of section 5709.73 of the Revised Code. 877
- (D) Nothing in this section or section <u>5709.41 or 5709.73</u>

 of the Revised Code affects the taxes levied against that

 portion of the value of any parcel of property that is not

 exempt from taxation.

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Sec. 5709.75. (A) Any township that receives service	882
payments in lieu of taxes under section 5709.74 of the Revised	883
Code-grants a tax exemption under section 5709.73 of the Revised	884
Code shall establish a township public improvement tax increment	885
equivalent fund into which those shall be deposited service	886
payments shall be deposited in lieu of taxes distributed to the	887
township under section 5709.74 of the Revised Code. If the board	888
of township trustees has adopted a resolution under division (C)	889
of section 5709.73 of the Revised Code, the township shall	890
establish at least one account in that fund with respect to	891
resolutions adopted under division (B) of that section, and one	892
account with respect to each incentive district created by a	893
resolution adopted under division (C) of that section. If a	894
resolution adopted under division (C) of section 5709.73 of the	895
Revised Code also authorizes the use of service payments for	896
housing renovations within the incentive district, the township	897
shall establish separate accounts for the service payments	898
designated for public infrastructure improvements and for the	899
service payments authorized for the purpose of housing	900
renovations.	901

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) or (D) of 902 this section, money deposited in an account of the township 903 public improvement tax increment equivalent fund shall be used 904 by the township to pay the costs of public infrastructure 905 improvements designated in or the housing renovations authorized 906 by the resolution with respect to which the account is 907 established, including any interest on and principal of the 908 notes; in the case of an account established with respect to a 909 resolution adopted under division (C) of that section, money in 910 the account shall be used to finance the public infrastructure 911 improvements designated, or the housing renovations authorized, 912

for each incentive district created in the resolution. Money in	913
an account shall not be used to finance or support housing	914
renovations that take place after the incentive district has	915
expired.	916
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(B) A township may, by resolution, establish a	917
redevelopment tax increment equivalent fund, into which shall be	918
deposited service payments in lieu of taxes distributed to the	919
township by the county treasurer as provided in section 5709.74	920
of the Revised Code for improvements exempt from taxation	921
pursuant to an ordinance adopted under section 5709.41 of the	922
Revised Code. Moneys deposited in the redevelopment tax	923
increment equivalent fund shall be used for such purposes as are	924
authorized in the resolution establishing the fund.	925
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(C)(1)(a) A township may distribute money in such an	926
account the township public improvement tax increment equivalent	927
fund or redevelopment tax increment equivalent fund to any	928
school district in which the exempt property is located in an	929
amount not to exceed the amount of real property taxes that such	930
school district would have received from the improvement if it	931
were not exempt from taxation. The resolution establishing the	932
fund shall set forth the percentage of such maximum amount that	933
will be distributed to any affected school district.	934
(b) A township also may distribute money in such an	935
account either fund as follows:	936
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(i) To a board of county commissioners, in the amount that	937
is owed to the board pursuant to division (E) of section 5709.73	938
of the Revised Code;	939
(ii) To a county in accordance with section 5709.913 of	940
the Revised Code.	941
(ii) To a county in accordance with section 5709.913 of	

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- (2) Money from an account in a township public improvement

 tax increment equivalent fund or from a redevelopment tax

 increment equivalent fund may be distributed under division (C)

 (1) (b) of this section, regardless of the date a resolution was

 adopted under section 5709.73 of the Revised Code that prompted

 the establishment of the account, even if the resolution was

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 adopted prior to March 30, 2006.
- (D) A board of township trustees that adopted a resolution 949 under section 5709.73 of the Revised Code and that, with respect 950 951 to property exempted under such a resolution, is party to a 952 hold-harmless or service agreement, may appropriate and expend unencumbered money in the fund to pay current public safety 953 expenses of the township. A township appropriating and expending 954 money under this division shall reimburse the fund for the sum 955 so appropriated and expended not later than the day the 956 exemption granted under the resolution expires. For the purposes 957 of this division, a "hold-harmless agreement" is an agreement 958 with the board of education of a city, local, or exempted 959 village school district under which the board of township 960 trustees agrees to compensate the school district for one 961 hundred per cent of the tax revenue the school district would 962 have received from improvements to parcels designated in the 963 resolution were it not for the exemption granted by the 964 resolution. 965
- (E) A board of township trustees that adopted a resolution under section 5709.73 of the Revised Code prior to July 21, 1994, and that, with respect to property exempted under such resolution, is a party to a hold-harmless or service agreement with a board of education of a city, local, or exempted village school district, within the territory of which such property is located, may appropriate and expend unencumbered money in the

fund to pay current expenses for the continued maintenance of	973
public improvements or public infrastructure improvements	974
designated in that resolution, as such resolution has been	975
amended under division (K) of section 5709.73 of the Revised	976
Code.	977

(F) Any unencumbered money remaining in the township 978
public improvement tax increment equivalent fund or an account 979
of that fund, or in the redevelopment tax increment equivalent 980
fund, upon dissolution of the account or fund shall be 981
transferred to the general fund of the township. 982

Sec. 5709.78. (A) A board of county commissioners may, by 983 resolution, declare improvements to certain parcels of real 984 property located in the unincorporated territory of the county 985 to be a public purpose. Except as otherwise provided under 986 division (C) of this section or section 5709.51 of the Revised 987 Code, not more than seventy-five per cent of an improvement thus 988 declared to be a public purpose may be exempted from real 989 property taxation, for a period of not more than ten years. The 990 resolution shall specify the percentage of the improvement to be 991 exempted and the life of the exemption. 992

A resolution adopted under this division shall designate 993 the specific public infrastructure improvements made, to be 994 made, or in the process of being made by the county that 995 directly benefit, or that once made will directly benefit, the 996 parcels for which improvements are declared to be a public 997 purpose. The service payments provided for in section 5709.79 of 998 the Revised Code shall be used to finance the public 999 infrastructure improvements designated in the resolution, or as 1000 provided in section 5709.80 of the Revised Code. 1001

(B) (1) A board of county commissioners may adopt a

resolution creating an incentive district and declaring	1003
improvements to parcels within the district to be a public	1004
purpose and, except as provided in division (B)(2) of this	1005
section, exempt from taxation as provided in this section, but	1006
no board of county commissioners of a county that has a	1007
population that exceeds twenty-five thousand, as shown by the	1008
most recent federal decennial census, shall adopt a resolution	1009
that creates an incentive district if the sum of the taxable	1010
value of real property in the proposed district for the	1011
preceding tax year and the taxable value of all real property in	1012
the county that would have been taxable in the preceding year	1013
were it not for the fact that the property was in an existing	1014
incentive district and therefore exempt from taxation exceeds	1015
twenty-five per cent of the taxable value of real property in	1016
the county for the preceding tax year. The district shall be	1017
located within the unincorporated territory of the county and	1018
shall not include any territory that is included within a	1019
district created under division (C) of section 5709.73 of the	1020
Revised Code. The resolution shall delineate the boundary of the	1021
proposed district and specifically identify each parcel within	1022
the district. A proposed district may not include any parcel	1023
that is or has been exempted from taxation under division (A) of	1024
this section or that is or has been within another district	1025
created under this division. A resolution may create more than	1026
one such district, and more than one resolution may be adopted	1027
under division (B)(1) of this section.	1028

(2) (a) Not later than thirty days prior to adopting a 1029 resolution under division (B) (1) of this section, if the county 1030 intends to apply for exemptions from taxation under section 1031 5709.911 of the Revised Code on behalf of owners of real 1032 property located within the proposed incentive district, the 1033

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board of county commissioners shall conduct a public hearing on	1034
the proposed resolution. Not later than thirty days prior to the	1035
public hearing, the board shall give notice of the public	1036
hearing and the proposed resolution by first class mail to every	1037
real property owner whose property is located within the	1038
boundaries of the proposed incentive district that is the	1039
subject of the proposed resolution. The board also shall provide	1040
the notice by first class mail to the clerk of each township in	1041
which the proposed incentive district will be located. The	1042
notice shall include a map of the proposed incentive district on	1043
which the board of county commissioners shall have delineated an	1044
overlay. The notice shall inform property owners of the owner's	1045
right to exclude the owner's property from the incentive	1046
district if both of the following conditions are met:	1047

- (i) The owner's entire parcel of property will not be located within the overlay.
- (ii) The owner has submitted a statement to the board of 1050 township trustees of the township in which the parcel is located 1051 indicating the owner's intent to seek a tax exemption for 1052 improvements to the owner's parcel under section 5709.41 or 1053 division (B) or (C) of section 5709.73 of the Revised Code 1054 within the next five years.

When both of the preceding conditions are met, the owner 1056 may exclude the owner's property from the incentive district by 1057 submitting a written response in accordance with division (B) (2) 1058 (b) of this section. The notice also shall include information 1059 detailing the required contents of the response, the address to 1060 which the response may be mailed, and the deadline for 1061 submitting the response.

(b) Any owner of real property located within the

boundaries of an incentive district proposed under division (B)	1064
(1) of this section who meets the conditions specified in	1065
divisions (B)(2)(a)(i) and (ii) of this section may exclude the	1066
property from the proposed incentive district by submitting a	1067
written response to the board not later than forty-five days	1068
after the postmark date on the notice required under division	1069
(B)(2)(a) of this section. The response shall include a copy of	1070
the statement submitted under division (B)(2)(a)(ii) of this	1071
section. The response shall be sent by first class mail or	1072
delivered in person at a public hearing held by the board under	1073
division (B)(2)(a) of this section. The response shall conform	1074
to any content requirements that may be established by the board	1075
and included in the notice provided under division (B)(2)(a) of	1076
this section. In the response, property owners may identify a	1077
parcel by street address, by the manner in which it is	1078
identified in the resolution, or by other means allowing the	1079
identity of the parcel to be ascertained.	1080

- (c) Before adopting a resolution under division (B)(1) of 1081 this section, the board shall amend the resolution to exclude 1082 any parcel for which a written response has been submitted under 1083 division (B)(2)(b) of this section. A county shall not apply for 1084 exemptions from taxation under section 5709.911 of the Revised 1085 Code for any such parcel, and service payments may not be 1086 required from the owner of the parcel. Improvements to a parcel 1087 excluded from an incentive district under this division may be 1088 exempted from taxation under division (A) of this section 1089 pursuant to a resolution adopted under that division or under 1090 any other section of the Revised Code under which the parcel 1091 qualifies. 1092
- (3) (a) A resolution adopted under division (B) (1) of this 1093 section shall specify the life of the incentive district and the 1094

percentage of the improvements to be exempted, shall designate	1095
the public infrastructure improvements made, to be made, or in	1096
the process of being made, that benefit or serve, or, once made,	1097
will benefit or serve parcels in the district. The resolution	1098
also shall identify one or more specific projects being, or to	1099
be, undertaken in the district that place additional demand on	1100
the public infrastructure improvements designated in the	1101
resolution. The project identified may, but need not be, the	1102
project under division (B)(3)(b) of this section that places	1103
real property in use for commercial or industrial purposes.	1104

A resolution adopted under division (B)(1) of this section 1105 on or after March 30, 2006, shall not designate police or fire 1106 equipment as public infrastructure improvements, and no service 1107 payment provided for in section 5709.79 of the Revised Code and 1108 received by the county under the resolution shall be used for 1109 police or fire equipment.

(b) A resolution adopted under division (B)(1) of this 1111 section may authorize the use of service payments provided for 1112 in section 5709.79 of the Revised Code for the purpose of 1113 housing renovations within the incentive district, provided that 1114 the resolution also designates public infrastructure 1115 1116 improvements that benefit or serve the district, and that a project within the district places real property in use for 1117 commercial or industrial purposes. Service payments may be used 1118 to finance or support loans, deferred loans, and grants to 1119 persons for the purpose of housing renovations within the 1120 district. The resolution shall designate the parcels within the 1121 district that are eligible for housing renovations. The 1122 resolution shall state separately the amount or the percentages 1123 of the expected aggregate service payments that are designated 1124 for each public infrastructure improvement and for the purpose 1125

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of housing renovations.

(4) Except with the approval of the board of education of 1127 each city, local, or exempted village school district within the 1128 territory of which the incentive district is or will be located, 1129 and subject to division (D) of this section, the life of an 1130 incentive district shall not exceed ten years, and the 1131 percentage of improvements to be exempted shall not exceed 1132 seventy-five per cent. With approval of the board of education, 1133 the life of a district may be not more than thirty years, and 1134 1135 the percentage of improvements to be exempted may be not more than one hundred per cent. The approval of a board of education 1136 shall be obtained in the manner provided in division (C) of this 1137 1138 section.

(C)(1) Improvements with respect to a parcel may be 1139 exempted from taxation under division (A) of this section, and 1140 improvements to parcels within an incentive district may be 1141 exempted from taxation under division (B) of this section, for 1142 up to ten years or, with the approval of the board of education 1143 of each city, local, or exempted village school district within 1144 which the parcel or district is located, for up to thirty years. 1145 The percentage of the improvements exempted from taxation may, 1146 with such approval, exceed seventy-five per cent, but shall not 1147 exceed one hundred per cent. Not later than forty-five business 1148 days prior to adopting a resolution under this section declaring 1149 improvements to be a public purpose that is subject to the 1150 approval of a board of education under this division, the board 1151 of county commissioners shall deliver to the board of education 1152 a notice stating its intent to adopt a resolution making that 1153 declaration. The notice regarding improvements with respect to a 1154 parcel under division (A) of this section shall identify the 1155 parcels for which improvements are to be exempted from taxation, 1156

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provide an estimate of the true value in money of the	1157
improvements, specify the period for which the improvements	1158
would be exempted from taxation and the percentage of the	1159
improvements that would be exempted, and indicate the date on	1160
which the board of county commissioners intends to adopt the	1161
resolution. The notice regarding improvements to parcels within	1162
an incentive district under division (B) of this section shall	1163
delineate the boundaries of the district, specifically identify	1164
each parcel within the district, identify each anticipated	1165
improvement in the district, provide an estimate of the true	1166
value in money of each such improvement, specify the life of the	1167
district and the percentage of improvements that would be	1168
exempted, and indicate the date on which the board of county	1169
commissioners intends to adopt the resolution. The board of	1170
education, by resolution adopted by a majority of the board, may	1171
approve the exemption for the period or for the exemption	1172
percentage specified in the notice; may disapprove the exemption	1173
for the number of years in excess of ten, may disapprove the	1174
exemption for the percentage of the improvements to be exempted	1175
in excess of seventy-five per cent, or both; or may approve the	1176
exemption on the condition that the board of county	1177
commissioners and the board of education negotiate an agreement	1178
providing for compensation to the school district equal in value	1179
to a percentage of the amount of taxes exempted in the eleventh	1180
and subsequent years of the exemption period or, in the case of	1181
exemption percentages in excess of seventy-five per cent,	1182
compensation equal in value to a percentage of the taxes that	1183
would be payable on the portion of the improvements in excess of	1184
seventy-five per cent were that portion to be subject to	1185
taxation, or other mutually agreeable compensation.	1186

(2) The board of education shall certify its resolution to

the board of county commissioners not later than fourteen days	1188
prior to the date the board of county commissioners intends to	1189
adopt its resolution as indicated in the notice. If the board of	1190
education and the board of county commissioners negotiate a	1191
mutually acceptable compensation agreement, the resolution of	1192
the board of county commissioners may declare the improvements a	1193
public purpose for the number of years specified in that	1194
resolution or, in the case of exemption percentages in excess of	1195
seventy-five per cent, for the exemption percentage specified in	1196
the resolution. In either case, if the board of education and	1197
the board of county commissioners fail to negotiate a mutually	1198
acceptable compensation agreement, the resolution may declare	1199
the improvements a public purpose for not more than ten years,	1200
and shall not exempt more than seventy-five per cent of the	1201
improvements from taxation. If the board of education fails to	1202
certify a resolution to the board of county commissioners within	1203
the time prescribed by this section, the board of county	1204
commissioners thereupon may adopt the resolution and may declare	1205
the improvements a public purpose for up to thirty years or, in	1206
the case of exemption percentages proposed in excess of seventy-	1207
five per cent, for the exemption percentage specified in the	1208
resolution. The board of county commissioners may adopt the	1209
resolution at any time after the board of education certifies	1210
its resolution approving the exemption to the board of county	1211
commissioners, or, if the board of education approves the	1212
exemption on the condition that a mutually acceptable	1213
compensation agreement be negotiated, at any time after the	1214
compensation agreement is agreed to by the board of education	1215
and the board of county commissioners. If a mutually acceptable	1216
compensation agreement is negotiated between the board of county	1217
commissioners and the board of education, including agreements	1218
for payments in lieu of taxes under section 5709.79 of the	1219

Revised Code, the board of county commissioners shall compensate	1220
the joint vocational school district within which the parcel or	1221
district is located at the same rate and under the same terms	1222
received by the city, local, or exempted village school	1223
district.	1224

- (3) If a board of education has adopted a resolution 1225 waiving its right to approve exemptions from taxation under this 1226 section and the resolution remains in effect, approval of such 1227 exemptions by the board of education is not required under 1228 division (C) of this section. If a board of education has 1229 adopted a resolution allowing a board of county commissioners to 1230 deliver the notice required under division (C) of this section 1231 fewer than forty-five business days prior to approval of the 1232 resolution by the board of county commissioners, the board of 1233 county commissioners shall deliver the notice to the board of 1234 education not later than the number of days prior to such 1235 approval as prescribed by the board of education in its 1236 resolution. If a board of education adopts a resolution waiving 1237 its right to approve exemptions or shortening the notification 1238 period, the board of education shall certify a copy of the 1239 resolution to the board of county commissioners. If the board of 1240 education rescinds such a resolution, it shall certify notice of 1241 the rescission to the board of county commissioners. 1242
- (4) Nothing in division (C) of this section prohibits the 1243 board of county commissioners from amending the resolution under 1244 section 5709.51 of the Revised Code to extend the term of the 1245 exemption.
- (D) (1) If a proposed resolution under division (B) (1) of
 this section exempts improvements with respect to a parcel
 within an incentive district for more than ten years, or the
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percentage of the improvement exempted from taxation exceeds 1250 seventy-five per cent, not later than forty-five business days 1251 prior to adopting the resolution the board of county 1252 commissioners shall deliver to the board of township trustees of 1253 any township within which the incentive district is or will be 1254 located a notice that states its intent to adopt a resolution 1255 creating an incentive district. The notice shall include a copy 1256 of the proposed resolution, identify the parcels for which 1257 improvements are to be exempted from taxation, provide an 1258 estimate of the true value in money of the improvements, specify 1259 the period of time for which the improvements would be exempted 1260 from taxation, specify the percentage of the improvements that 1261 would be exempted from taxation, and indicate the date on which 1262 the board intends to adopt the resolution. 1263

(2) The board of township trustees, by resolution adopted 1264 by a majority of the board, may object to the exemption for the 1265 number of years in excess of ten, may object to the exemption 1266 for the percentage of the improvement to be exempted in excess 1267 of seventy-five per cent, or both. If the board of township 1268 trustees objects, the board of township trustees may negotiate a 1269 mutually acceptable compensation agreement with the board of 1270 county commissioners. In no case shall the compensation provided 1271 to the board of township trustees exceed the property taxes 1272 forgone due to the exemption. If the board of township trustees 1273 objects, and the board of township trustees and the board of 1274 county commissioners fail to negotiate a mutually acceptable 1275 compensation agreement, the resolution adopted under division 1276 (B)(1) of this section shall provide to the board of township 1277 trustees compensation in the eleventh and subsequent years of 1278 the exemption period equal in value to not more than fifty per 1279 cent of the taxes that would be payable to the township or, if 1280

the board of township trustee's objection includes an objection 1281 to an exemption percentage in excess of seventy-five per cent, 1282 compensation equal in value to not more than fifty per cent of 1283 the taxes that would be payable to the township on the portion 1284 of the improvement in excess of seventy-five per cent, were that 1285 portion to be subject to taxation. The board of township 1286 trustees shall certify its resolution to the board of county 1287 commissioners not later than thirty days after receipt of the 1288 notice. 1289

(3) If the board of township trustees does not object or 1290 fails to certify a resolution objecting to an exemption within 1291 thirty days after receipt of the notice, the board of county 1292 commissioners may adopt its resolution, and no compensation 1293 shall be provided to the board of township trustees. If the 1294 board of township trustees certifies its resolution objecting to 1295 the commissioners' resolution, the board of county commissioners 1296 may adopt its resolution at any time after a mutually acceptable 1297 compensation agreement is agreed to by the board of county 1298 commissioners and the board of township trustees. If the board 1299 of township trustees certifies a resolution objecting to the 1300 commissioners' resolution, the board of county commissioners may 1301 adopt its resolution at any time after a mutually acceptable 1302 compensation agreement is agreed to by the board of county 1303 commissioners and the board of township trustees, or, if no 1304 compensation agreement is negotiated, at any time after the 1305 board of county commissioners in the proposed resolution to 1306 provide compensation to the board of township trustees of fifty 1307 per cent of the taxes that would be payable to the township in 1308 the eleventh and subsequent years of the exemption period or on 1309 the portion of the improvement in excess of seventy-five per 1310 cent, were that portion to be subject to taxation. 1311

facilities;

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(E) Service payments in lieu of taxes that are	1312
attributable to any amount by which the effective tax rate of	1313
either a renewal levy with an increase or a replacement levy	1314
exceeds the effective tax rate of the levy renewed or replaced,	1315
or that are attributable to an additional levy, for a levy	1316
authorized by the voters for any of the following purposes on or	1317
after January 1, 2006, and which are provided pursuant to a	1318
resolution creating an incentive district under division (B)(1)	1319
of this section that is adopted on or after January 1, 2006,	1320
shall be distributed to the appropriate taxing authority as	1321
required under division (D) of section 5709.79 of the Revised	1322
Code in an amount equal to the amount of taxes from that	1323
additional levy or from the increase in the effective tax rate	1324
of such renewal or replacement levy that would have been payable	1325
to that taxing authority from the following levies were it not	1326
for the exemption authorized under division (B) of this section:	1327
(1) A tax levied under division (L) of section 5705.19 or	1328
section 5705.191 or 5705.222 of the Revised Code for community	1329
developmental disabilities programs and services pursuant to	1330
Chapter 5126. of the Revised Code;	1331
(2) A tax levied under division (Y) of section 5705.19 of	1332
the Revised Code for providing or maintaining senior citizens	1333
services or facilities;	1334
(3) A tax levied under section 5705.22 of the Revised Code	1335
for county hospitals;	1336
(4) A tax levied by a joint-county district or by a county	1337
under section 5705.19, 5705.191, or 5705.221 of the Revised Code	1338
for alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services or	1339

(5) A tax levied under section 5705.23 of the Revised Code	1341
for library purposes;	1342
(6) A tax levied under section 5705.24 of the Revised Code	1343
for the support of children services and the placement and care	1344
of children;	1345
(7) A tax levied under division (Z) of section 5705.19 of	1346
the Revised Code for the provision and maintenance of zoological	1347
park services and facilities under section 307.76 of the Revised	1348
Code;	1349
(8) A tax levied under section 511.27 or division (H) of	1350
section 5705.19 of the Revised Code for the support of township	1351
park districts;	1352
(9) A tax levied under division (A), (F), or (H) of	1353
section 5705.19 of the Revised Code for parks and recreational	1354
purposes of a joint recreation district organized pursuant to	1355
division (B) of section 755.14 of the Revised Code;	1356
(10) A tax levied under section 1545.20 or 1545.21 of the	1357
Revised Code for park district purposes;	1358
(11) A tax levied under section 5705.191 of the Revised	1359
Code for the purpose of making appropriations for public	1360
assistance; human or social services; public relief; public	1361
welfare; public health and hospitalization; and support of	1362
general hospitals;	1363
(12) A tax levied under section 3709.29 of the Revised	1364
Code for a general health district program.	1365
(F) An exemption from taxation granted under this section	1366
commences with the tax year specified in the resolution so long	1367
as the year specified in the resolution commences after the	1368

effective date of the resolution. If the resolution specifies a	1369
year commencing before the effective date of the resolution or	1370
specifies no year whatsoever, the exemption commences with the	1371
tax year in which an exempted improvement first appears on the	1372
tax list and duplicate of real and public utility property and	1373
that commences after the effective date of the resolution. In	1374
lieu of stating a specific year, the resolution may provide that	1375
the exemption commences in the tax year in which the value of an	1376
improvement exceeds a specified amount or in which the	1377
construction of one or more improvements is completed, provided	1378
that such tax year commences after the effective date of the	1379
resolution. With respect to the exemption of improvements to	1380
parcels under division (A) of this section, the resolution may	1381
allow for the exemption to commence in different tax years on a	1382
parcel-by-parcel basis, with a separate exemption term specified	1383
for each parcel.	1384

Except as otherwise provided in this division, the 1385 exemption ends on the date specified in the resolution as the 1386 date the improvement ceases to be a public purpose or the 1387 incentive district expires, or ends on the date on which the 1388 county can no longer require annual service payments in lieu of 1389 taxes under section 5709.79 of the Revised Code, whichever 1390 occurs first. The exemption of an improvement with respect to a 1391 parcel or within an incentive district may end on a later date, 1392 as specified in the resolution, if the board of commissioners 1393 and the board of education of the city, local, or exempted 1394 village school district within which the parcel or district is 1395 located have entered into a compensation agreement under section 1396 5709.82 of the Revised Code with respect to the improvement, and 1397 the board of education has approved the term of the exemption 1398 under division (C)(1) of this section, but in no case shall the 1399 improvement be exempted from taxation for more than thirty

years. Exemptions shall be claimed and allowed in the same or a

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similar manner as in the case of other real property exemptions.

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If an exemption status changes during a tax year, the procedure

for the apportionment of the taxes for that year is the same as

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in the case of other changes in tax exemption status during the

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year.

- (G) If the board of county commissioners is not required 1407 by this section to notify the board of education of the board of 1408 1409 county commissioners' intent to declare improvements to be a public purpose, the board of county commissioners shall comply 1410 with the notice requirements imposed under section 5709.83 of 1411 the Revised Code before taking formal action to adopt the 1412 resolution making that declaration, unless the board of 1413 education has adopted a resolution under that section waiving 1414 its right to receive such a notice. 1415
- (H) The county, not later than fifteen days after the 1416 adoption of a resolution under this section, shall submit to the 1417 director of development services a copy of the resolution. On or 1418 before the thirty-first day of March of each year, the county 1419 shall submit a status report to the director of development 1420 services. The report shall indicate, in the manner prescribed by 1421 the director, the progress of the project during each year that 1422 an exemption remains in effect, including a summary of the 1423 receipts from service payments in lieu of taxes; expenditures of 1424 money from the fund created under section 5709.80 of the Revised 1425 Code; a description of the public infrastructure improvements 1426 and housing renovations financed with such expenditures; and a 1427 quantitative summary of changes in employment and private 1428 investment resulting from each project. 1429

- (I) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit 1430 a board of county commissioners from declaring to be a public 1431 purpose improvements with respect to more than one parcel. 1432
- (J) If a parcel is located in a new community district in

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 which the new community authority imposes a community

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 development charge on the basis of rentals received from leases

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 of real property as described in division (L)(2) of section

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 349.01 of the Revised Code, the parcel may not be exempted from

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 taxation under this section.
- Sec. 5709.85. (A) The legislative authority of a county, 1439 township, or municipal corporation that grants an exemption from 1440 taxation under Chapter 725. or 1728. or under section 3735.67, 1441 5709.28, 5709.40, 5709.41, 5709.45, 5709.62, 5709.63, 5709.632, 1442 5709.73, or 5709.78 of the Revised Code shall create a tax 1443 incentive review council. The council shall consist of the 1444 following members:
- (1) In the case of a municipal corporation eligible to 1446 designate a zone under section 5709.62 or 5709.632 of the 1447 Revised Code, the chief executive officer or that officer's 1448 designee; a member of the legislative authority of the municipal 1449 corporation, appointed by the president of the legislative 1450 authority or, if the chief executive officer of the municipal 1451 corporation is the president, appointed by the president pro 1452 tempore of the legislative authority; the county auditor or the 1453 county auditor's designee; the chief financial officer of the 1454 municipal corporation or that officer's designee; an individual 1455 appointed by the board of education of each city, local, 1456 exempted village, and joint vocational school district to which 1457 the instrument granting the exemption applies; and two members 1458 of the public appointed by the chief executive officer of the 1459

municipal corporation with the concurrence of the legislative	1460
authority. At least four members of the council shall be	1461
residents of the municipal corporation, and at least one of the	1462
two public members appointed by the chief executive officer	1463
shall be a minority. As used in division (A)(1) of this section,	1464
a "minority" is an individual who is African-American, Hispanic,	1465
or Native American.	1466

- (2) In the case of a county or a municipal corporation 1467 that is not eligible to designate a zone under section 5709.62 1468 or 5709.632 of the Revised Code, three members appointed by the 1469 board of county commissioners; two members from each municipal 1470 corporation to which the instrument granting the tax exemption 1471 applies, appointed by the chief executive officer with the 1472 concurrence of the legislative authority of the respective 1473 municipal corporations; two members of each township to which 1474 the instrument granting the tax exemption applies, appointed by 1475 the board of township trustees of the respective townships; the 1476 county auditor or the county auditor's designee; and an 1477 individual appointed by the board of education of each city, 1478 local, exempted village, and joint vocational school district to 1479 which the instrument granting the tax exemption applies. At 1480 least two members of the council shall be residents of the 1481 municipal corporations or townships to which the instrument 1482 granting the tax exemption applies. 1483
- (3) In the case of a township in which improvements are

 declared a public purpose under section 5709.41 or 5709.73 of

 the Revised Code, the board of township trustees; the county

 auditor or the county auditor's designee; and an individual

 appointed by the board of education of each city, local,

 exempted village, and joint vocational school district to which

 the instrument granting the exemption applies.

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(B) The county auditor or the county auditor's designee	1491
shall serve as the chairperson of the council. The council shall	1492
meet at the call of the chairperson. At the first meeting of the	1493
council, the council shall select a vice-chairperson. Attendance	1494
by a majority of the members of the council constitutes a quorum	1495
to conduct the business of the council.	1496

(C) (1) Annually, the tax incentive review council shall 1497 review all agreements granting exemptions from property taxation 1498 under Chapter 725. or 1728. or under section 3735.671, 5709.28, 1499 5709.62, 5709.63, or 5709.632 of the Revised Code, and any 1500 performance or audit reports required to be submitted pursuant 1501 to those agreements. The review shall include agreements 1502 granting such exemptions that were entered into prior to July 1503 22, 1994, that continue to be in force and applicable to the 1504 current year's property taxes. 1505

With respect to each agreement, other than an agreement

entered into under section 5709.28 of the Revised Code, the

council shall determine whether the owner of the exempted

property has complied with the agreement, and may take into

consideration any fluctuations in the business cycle unique to

the owner's business.

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With respect to an agreement entered into under section 1512 5709.28 of the Revised Code, the council shall consist of the 1513 members described in division (A)(2) of this section and shall 1514 determine whether the agreement complies with the requirements 1515 of section 5709.28 of the Revised Code and whether a withdrawal, 1516 removal, or conversion of land from an agricultural security 1517 area established under Chapter 931. of the Revised Code has 1518 occurred in a manner that makes the exempted property no longer 1519 eligible for the exemption. 1520 On the basis of the determinations, on or before the first 1521 day of September of each year, the council shall submit to the 1522 legislative authority written recommendations for continuation, 1523 modification, or cancellation of each agreement. 1524

(2) Annually, the tax incentive review council shall 1525 review all exemptions from property taxation resulting from the 1526 declaration of public purpose improvements pursuant to section 1527 5709.40, 5709.41, 5709.45, 5709.73, or 5709.78 of the Revised 1528 Code. The review shall include such exemptions that were granted 1529 prior to July 22, 1994, that continue to be in force and 1530 applicable to the current year's property taxes. With respect to 1531 each improvement for which an exemption is granted, the council 1532 shall determine the increase in the true value of parcels of 1533 real property on which improvements have been undertaken as a 1534 result of the exemption; the value of improvements exempted from 1535 taxation as a result of the exemption; and the number of new 1536 employees or employees retained on the site of the improvement 1537 as a result of the exemption. 1538

Upon the request of a tax incentive review council, the 1539 county auditor, the housing officer appointed pursuant to 1540 section 3735.66 of the Revised Code, the owner of a new or 1541 remodeled structure or improvement, and the legislative 1542 authority of the county, township, or municipal corporation 1543 granting the exemption shall supply the council with any 1544 information reasonably necessary for the council to make the 1545 determinations required under division (C) of this section, 1546 including returns or reports filed pursuant to sections 5711.02, 1547 5711.13, and 5727.08 of the Revised Code. 1548

(D) Annually, the tax incentive review council shall 1549 review the compliance of each recipient of a tax exemption under 1550

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Chapter 725. or 1728. or section 3735.67, 5709.40, 5709.41,	1551
5709.45, 5709.62, 5709.63, 5709.632, 5709.73, or 5709.78 of the	1552
Revised Code with the nondiscriminatory hiring policies	1553
developed by the county, township, or municipal corporation	1554
under section 5709.832 of the Revised Code. Upon the request of	1555
the council, the recipient shall provide the council any	1556
information necessary to perform its review. On the basis of its	1557
review, the council may submit to the legislative authority	1558
written recommendations for enhancing compliance with the	1559
nondiscriminatory hiring policies.	1560
(E) A legislative authority that receives from a tax	1561
incentive review council written recommendations under division	1562
(C)(1) or (D) of this section shall, within sixty days after	1563
receipt, hold a meeting and vote to accept, reject, or modify	1564
all or any portion of the recommendations.	1565
(E) A tay incentive review council may request from the	1566
(F) A tax incentive review council may request from the	1567
recipient of a tax exemption under Chapter 725. or 1728. or section 3735.67, 5709.28, 5709.40, 5709.41, 5709.45, 5709.62,	1568
5709.63, 5709.632, 5709.73, or 5709.78 of the Revised Code any	1569
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information reasonably necessary for the council to perform its	
review under this section. The request shall be in writing and	1571
shall be sent to the recipient by certified mail. Within ten	1572
days after receipt of the request, the recipient shall provide	1573
to the council the information requested.	1574
Section 2. That existing sections 307.204, 503.01, 505.10,	1575
505.266, 4113.52, 5709.41, 5709.74, 5709.75, 5709.78, and	1576
5709.85 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.	1577
Section 3. Section 505.10 of the Revised Code is presented	1578
in this act as a composite of the section as amended by both	1579

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Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) of	1581
section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be	1582
harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation,	1583
finds that the composite is the resulting version of the section	1584
in effect prior to the effective date of the section as	1585
presented in this act.	1586