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Cosponsors: Representatives Dobos, Lorenz

A BILL

To enact section 701.11 of the Revised Code to
create the State and Municipal Government
Commission.

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

Section 1. That section 701.11 of the Revised Code be
enacted to read as follows:

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Sec. 701.11. (A) The state and municipal government
commission is created. The commission shall do all of the
following:

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(1) Analyze and report on proposed state and municipal
policies and rules that would impact municipal home rule
authority;

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(2) Enhance collaborative opportunities between state and
municipal leaders;

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(3) Make recommendations to state and municipal leaders on
municipal authority, policy, and funding implications of
proposed state policies;

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(4) Discuss and consider state and municipal government

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revenue sharing, grant programs, and other matters related to 18
the fiscal health of municipal corporations. 19

(B) The commission shall consist of the following thirteen 20
members: 21

(1) The director of development or the director's 22
designee. 23

(2) The following members appointed by the governor: 24

(a) Two mayors, or their designees, of municipal 25
corporations in the state with populations of sixty thousand or 26
more; 27

(b) Two mayors, or their designees, of municipal 28
corporations in the state with populations of less than sixty 29
thousand. 30

(3) The following members appointed by the president of 31
the senate: 32

(a) One member of the general assembly; 33

(b) One mayor, municipal executive, or charter county 34
executive. 35

(4) The following members appointed by the minority leader 36
of the senate: 37

(a) One member of the general assembly; 38

(b) One mayor, municipal executive, or charter county 39
executive. 40

(5) The following members appointed by the speaker of the 41
house of representatives: 42

(a) One member of the general assembly; 43

(b) One mayor, municipal executive, or charter county 44
executive. 45

(6) The following members appointed by the minority leader 46
of the house of representatives: 47

(a) One member of the general assembly; 48

(b) One mayor, municipal executive, or charter county 49
executive. 50

(C) Each member shall serve a term of two years commencing 51
on the thirtieth day of January of each odd-numbered year. 52

(D) A vacancy on the commission shall be filled for the 53
unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment. 54
Each member of the commission who is a member of the general 55
assembly shall serve for the duration of the member's term or 56
until that commission member is no longer a member of the senate 57
or house of representatives. 58

(E) Not later than the twenty-ninth day of January of each 59
odd-numbered year, the commission shall prepare and submit a 60
report to the general assembly detailing all of the following: 61

(1) A summary of the commission's recommendation, along 62
with subsequent actions taken or not taken by the general 63
assembly and municipal governments, as appropriate; 64

(2) A summary of legislation passed by the general 65
assembly restricting or limiting home rule authority and any 66
reported impacts on municipal law or policies; 67

(3) Recommendations for the next general assembly to 68
preserve and restore home rule authority and municipal 69
authority. 70

(F) The director of development or the director's designee 71
shall serve as chairperson of the commission. A majority of 72
members constitute a quorum. 73

(G) The commission shall meet at the call of the 74
chairperson at least biannually. The chairperson shall provide 75
members with at least ten days' written notice of a meeting. The 76
commission is subject to section 121.22 of the Revised Code. The 77
Ohio government telecommunications service shall broadcast all 78
meetings of the commission. The commission may allow experts or 79
other parties to testify before the commission. 80

(H) Members shall serve without compensation except to the 81
extent that serving on the commission is considered part of the 82
member's regular duties of employment. The commission shall 83
reimburse each member for actual and necessary expenses incurred 84
in the performance of the member's official duties. Membership 85
on the commission shall not constitute holding another public 86
office. 87

(I) The commission shall not issue a recommendation or 88
report without approval from at least all of the following: 89

(1) A simple majority of total members; 90

(2) Two members from each political party; 91

(3) Two members who are members of the general assembly; 92

(4) Two members who are a mayor, a mayor's designee, a 93
municipal executive, or a charter county executive. 94

(J) The commission may hire and supervise an executive 95
director, who shall be located in the department of development, 96
to administer the commission's duties. 97

Section 2. The Governor, President and Minority Leader of 98

the Senate, and Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of	99
Representatives, in accordance with division (B) of section	100
701.11 of the Revised Code as enacted by this act, shall make	101
initial appointments to the State and Municipal Government	102
Commission not later than June 30, 2023. The initial members	103
shall serve until their successors are appointed as specified in	104
section 701.11 of the Revised Code as enacted by this act.	105