A BILL

To amend section 705.19 of the Revised Code regarding the disbursement of municipal funds by residents and to declare an emergency.

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

Section 1. That section 705.19 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 705.19. (A) No money shall be drawn from the treasury of a municipal corporation except in pursuance of appropriations made by the legislative authority, and whenever an appropriation is so made the clerk shall forthwith give notice to the auditor and treasurer. Appropriations may be made in furtherance of improvements or other objects or work of the municipal corporation which will not be completed within the current year. At the end of each year all unexpended balances of appropriations shall revert to the respective funds from which they were appropriated and shall then be subject to future appropriations.

(B) A municipal corporation charter or ordinance shall not circumvent division (A) of this section or the plans of government provided for under sections 705.41 to 705.86 of the
Revised Code by requiring or allowing the legislative authority to appropriate, allocate, or draw money from the treasury for the funds to instead be distributed or otherwise disbursed by a vote of residents.

(C) A charter provision or ordinance that violates division (B) of this section is void and has no legal effect.

Section 2. That existing section 705.19 of the Revised Code is hereby repealed.

Section 3. This act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is to prevent municipal corporations from circumventing current appropriations law, ensuring the responsible stewardship of treasury funds and preventing the interruption of local peace, health, and safety services. Therefore, this act shall go into immediate effect.