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*Bill Analysis*  
*Legislative Service Commission*

## **H.B. 495**

123rd General Assembly  
(As Reported by H. State Government)

**Rep. Terwilleger**

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### **BILL SUMMARY**

- Requires the Legislative Service Commission to direct by rule how the insertion of new matter and omission of old matter is to be indicated in bills.
- Eliminates references to 20th century dates found in various statutory forms to permit their accurate use in the year 2000 and thereafter.
- Declares an emergency.

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### **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

#### ***Format for insertion of new matter and omission of old matter in bills***

Current law requires that the form of bills introduced in the General Assembly be that new matter is indicated by capitalization, old matter is omitted by striking through the matter, and prior capitalization in Revised Code sections is indicated by italicized type. Under H.B. 495, the Legislative Service Commission (LSC), by rule adopted under section 111.15 of the Revised Code (a statute that does not require public hearings on rules adopted under it), must direct how new matter is indicated and old matter is omitted in bills. H.B. 495 also removes the requirement that prior capitalization in Revised Code sections be indicated by italicized type. (Sec. 101.53.)

H.B. 495 specifies that bills prepared for the 123rd General Assembly must continue to be prepared as directed by Joint Rule 14 of the 123rd General Assembly (see below), notwithstanding the change described in the immediately preceding paragraph and any rules LSC adopts to implement the change (Section 3). H.B. 495 also requires LSC first to direct how insertion of new matter and omission of old matter is to be indicated with respect to bills prepared for the 124th General Assembly and provides that Joint Rule 14 does not apply to the preparation of bills for the 124th General Assembly insofar as it is incompatible

with the change made by H.B. 495 or any rule LSC adopts to implement the change (Section 4).

Joint Rule 14 generally establishes standards for the form of bills and requires that (1) new matter be capitalized, (2) existing matter that is to be eliminated be stricken through by a horizontal line, and (3) when a word appears in capital letters in an existing Revised Code section that is being amended, these capital letters must be italicized in the bill to retain the capitalization.

**Elimination of references to 20th century dates in statutory forms**

H.B. 495 amends a number of Revised Code sections to remove references to 20th century dates (such as "19\_\_") in forms whose substance is described in those sections. The following table lists each of the Revised Code sections amended and briefly describes the statutory form contained in that section:

<b>REVISED CODE SECTION</b>	<b>FORM DESCRIBED IN THE SECTION</b>
§ 153.571	Form of bid guaranty bond
§ 317.113	Certificate of English translation to accompany deed or other written instrument in other language
§ 317.24(B)	Record of U.S. Armed Forces member's discharge: form for expungement of that record or of the member's separation program number from that record
§ 981.02	Notice of trade-mark of timber dealers
§ 1311.56(C)	Affidavit for perfection of agricultural product lien
§ 2715.041(A)	Form for notice to defendant of a proceeding for an order of attachment of property
§ 2737.05(A)	Notice to respondent and request for hearing form relating to an order to recover possession of personal property (replevin proceeding)
§ 2935.17(A) and (B)	Affidavit and complaint forms (criminal actions)
§ 2935.18	Contents of warrant or summons (criminal actions)
§ 2935.19	Form of affidavit (criminal actions)
§ 2941.06	Form of indictment (criminal actions)
§ 3113.215(E) and (F)	Worksheet for calculation of amount of child support obligation

<b>REVISED CODE SECTION</b>	<b>FORM DESCRIBED IN THE SECTION</b>
§ 3501.31	Precinct election official's statement
§ 3509.04	Statement of absentee voter
§ 3513.07	Form of declaration of candidacy; petition of candidate
§ 3513.261	Form of nominating petition and statement of candidacy
§ 3769.04	Petition accompanying certain applications for horse racing permits
§ 4561.25(A)	Notice of insurance coverage in connection with rental agreements for aircraft
§ 4703.10	Certificate of qualification to practice architecture
§ 5309.15	Application to register title to land
§ 5721.15(B) and (C)	Forms for foreclosure of liens and forfeiture of property proceedings related to delinquent taxes
§ 5721.181(B) and (C)	Forms for in rem foreclosure of liens proceedings related to delinquent taxes
§ 5721.191(A)	Form for advertisement of sale under judgment of foreclosure related to delinquent taxes
§ 5901.29	Funeral director's contract to provide burial for veteran
§ 5907.08	Affidavit to be filed when resident of Ohio Veterans' Home becomes insane
§ 5919.10	Enlistment contract and oath of enlistment of Ohio National Guard member
§ 5920.08	Enlistment contract and oath of enlistment of Ohio military reserve member
§ 5921.05	Enlistment contract and oath of enlistment of Ohio naval militia member
§ 6101.84(A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F), (G), and (H)	Suggested forms for establishment and use of conservancy district
§ 6115.79(A), (B), (C), (D), (E), and (F)	Suggested forms for establishment and use of sanitary district

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## HISTORY

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