



S.B. 31*

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Sen. Latta

BILL SUMMARY

- Requires the appointing authorities that appoint members of district public works integrating committees to appoint alternates for those members to act in their absence.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Background

Infrastructure improvement programs--financial assistance

The Ohio Public Works Commission distributes financial assistance to political subdivisions for the improvement of their basic infrastructure systems through the State Capital Improvements Program and the Local Transportation Improvement Program. Funding for the State Capital Improvements Program comes from the proceeds of general revenue bonds issued by the state. Eligible improvements for financial assistance from that program include roads, bridges, wastewater treatment systems, water supply systems, solid waste disposal facilities, flood control systems, and storm water and sanitary collection, storage, and treatment facilities. Funding for the Local Transportation Improvement Program comes from one cent per gallon of the state's motor vehicle fuel excise tax. Eligible improvements for financial assistance from that program include roads and bridges. (Secs. 164.01(A), 164.05, 164.08, and 164.14--not in the bill.)

* This analysis was prepared before the report of the Senate State and Local Government and Veterans Affairs Committee appeared in the Senate Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and the legislative history may be incomplete.

Districts and their committees

For the purpose of allocating the assistance available under these programs, the state is divided into 19 districts, each of which encompasses one or more counties. In each of the districts, there is a *district public works integrating committee*, and in 11 of the districts there is also an *executive committee*. (Sec. 164.03--not in the bill; sec. 164.04--amended by the bill.)

To apply for assistance under one of the infrastructure improvement programs, a county, municipal corporation, township, sanitary district, or regional water and sewer district applies to its district public works integrating committee. The committee evaluates the applications it receives and selects projects to submit to the Director of the Public Works Commission for approval. (Secs. 164.05, 164.06, and 164.14--not in the bill.)

Required affirmative votes

The affirmative vote of at least five of the seven members of the district committee of district 1, and the affirmative vote of at least seven of the nine members of the district committee in districts 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, and 19, generally is required for any action taken by the committee. Any decision of the district committee in district 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, or 18 must be approved by its executive committee. In districts 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, and 17, the affirmative vote of at least seven of the nine members of the executive committee is required; in districts 15 and 18, the affirmative vote of at least nine of the 11 members of the executive committee is required; however, any decision of an executive committee can be rejected by the vote of at least two-thirds of the full membership of the district committee within 30 days of the action of the executive committee. (Sec. 164.04--amended by the bill.)

Appointment of alternates to the district public works integrating committees

Alternates--in general

The bill provides that (1) whenever a member is appointed to a district public works integrating committee or an executive committee of a district committee, an *alternate* also must be appointed, and (2) whenever a district committee member is absent from a district or executive committee or subcommittee meeting, the alternate may vote and participate in all proceedings and actions at the meeting (sec. 164.04(A) and (B)).

District 6--county engineers

In district 6 (Mahoning and Trumbull counties), continuing law provides that the county engineer of each county is a member of the district committee. The bill specifies that the alternate of each of these county engineers must be appointed by the county engineer of the county served by that county engineer. (Sec. 164.04(A)(4).)

HISTORY

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