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BILL SUMMARY

- Creates a committee to review Ohio's tax law and recent studies of that law, and to prepare legislation proposing the reform of the tax law.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Committee to reform tax law

The bill creates the Committee for the Reform of Ohio's Tax Laws. The Committee is charged with reviewing the state's tax laws and any reports that have been commissioned since 1990 to study or reform those laws.

Membership

The Committee is to consist of 42 members, six of whom are members of the legislature and 36 of whom are public members. The six legislative members must include the chairpersons of the House and Senate Ways and Means Committees, two members of the House appointed by the Speaker, and two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate. Not more than two members from each house may be members of the same political party.

The 36 public members must consist of three individuals representing each of the following interests, with one of the three being appointed by the Governor, one by the Speaker, and one by the Senate President:

• Business	• Local Governments
• Labor	• Property owners
• Public education	• Taxpayers
• Agriculture	• Senior citizens
• Consumers	• Retail or electronic businesses
• Public utilities	• Tax practitioners

Meetings; subcommittees

The Committee must hold its first meeting by July 15, 2001. At the first meeting, the Committee must organize itself into not more than four subcommittees, with each subcommittee assigned to review one or more aspects of the state's tax laws. The Committee or its subcommittees must hold at least one meeting in each of the following regions of Ohio: central, northwest, southwest, southeast, and northeast. All meetings of the Committee and its subcommittees are to be open to the public, and the subcommittees must accept public testimony. The subcommittees must report their findings and their recommendations for legislation to the Committee as required by the Committee. The Departments of Taxation, Agriculture, and Development and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency must assist the Committee and the subcommittees by providing them with requested information.

Recommended legislation

By December 31, 2001, the Committee must draft legislation providing for the reform of Ohio's tax laws. The legislation must be drafted in a form acceptable for introduction in the General Assembly. The Committee ceases to exist on that date.

HISTORY

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