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BILL SUMMARY

- Permits the prosecuting attorney to be the legal adviser to a joint ambulance district, fire and ambulance district, or joint emergency medical services district.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Current law

Current law designates the prosecuting attorney of a county as the legal adviser of (1) the board of county commissioners, board of elections, and all other county officers and boards, including all tax-supported libraries, (2) all township officers, boards, and commissions in a township that has not adopted a limited home rule government, and (3) each township that has adopted a limited home rule government and that has entered into a contract to have the prosecuting attorney serve as the township law director (R.C. 309.09(A) and (B)). Current law also allows the prosecuting attorney, in the prosecuting attorney's discretion, to serve as the legal adviser to a joint fire district, at no cost to the district (R.C. 309.09(E)). And, together with the board of county commissioners, the prosecuting attorney may contract with the board of park commissioners of a metropolitan park district to provide the district with legal services (R.C. 309.09(D)).

Changes proposed by the bill

The bill authorizes the prosecuting attorney, in the prosecuting attorney's discretion, to be the legal adviser to any or all of the following special districts, at no cost to them: (1) joint ambulance districts, (2) joint emergency medical services districts, and (3) fire and ambulance districts (R.C. 309.09(F), (G), and (H)).

COMMENT

Current law authorizes specified combinations of counties, municipal corporations, townships, and special districts to form joint fire districts, joint ambulance districts, joint emergency medical services districts, and fire and ambulance districts to carry out the function or functions reflected in their title.

HISTORY

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