



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

Rep. Schuring

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## BILL SUMMARY

- Imposes a 90-day moratorium on the authority of townships and municipal corporations to approve new joint economic development zone (JEDZ) or "statewide" joint economic development district (JEDD) contracts.
- Imposes a 90-day moratorium on the authority of townships and municipal corporations to amend such an existing JEDZ or JEDD contracts for any purpose other than to revise the contract's duration.
- Declares an emergency.

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## CONTENT AND OPERATION

### Moratorium on JEDZ and JEDD contracts devised under certain procedures

The bill prohibits a township or municipal corporation from approving a new joint economic development zone (JEDZ) contract under the "municipal-only" JEDZ procedure or the "alternative" JEDZ procedure, or a new joint economic development district (JEDD) contract under the "statewide" JEDD procedure, in the 90 days following the bill's effective date. The bill also prohibits a township or municipal corporation from amending any of the aforementioned contracts for any purpose other than to revise the duration of the contract in the 90 days following the bill's effective date. Under the bill, a contract is approved or amended when the board of township trustees of a township or the legislative authority of a municipal corporation enacts an ordinance or resolution approving or amending the contract.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Section 1.

These prohibitions do not apply to JEDD contracts approved or amended under either of the "restricted" JEDD procedures.<sup>2</sup>

## Background on JEDZs and JEDDs

The bill applies to both types of joint economic development zones: (1) the "municipal-only" JEDZ formed by municipal corporations,<sup>3</sup> and (2) the "alternative" JEDZ formed by municipal corporations or by municipal corporations and townships where at least one party to the JEDZ contract does not levy an income tax.<sup>4</sup> The bill also applies to "statewide" joint economic development districts wherein no residents live, which are formed by municipal corporations and townships.<sup>5</sup> The bill does not apply to the two "restricted" JEDD procedures whereby a JEDD is located in a charter county; is in or contiguous to a transportation improvement district and the JEDD was created before November 15, 1995; or involves a municipal corporation with an airport outside its corporate limits.<sup>6</sup>

## Emergency clause

The bill declares the act to be an emergency measure that takes immediate effect. The reason for the emergency is to prevent the imposition of unfair and unduly burdensome taxes by local governments while the General Assembly considers legislation reforming the laws governing JEDZs and JEDDs.<sup>7</sup>

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## HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	11-20-13

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<sup>2</sup> Section 1.

<sup>3</sup> R.C. 715.69.

<sup>4</sup> R.C. 715.691.

<sup>5</sup> R.C. 715.72 to 715.81.

<sup>6</sup> R.C. 715.70 or 715.71.

<sup>7</sup> Section 2.

