Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

122 nd General Assembly of Ohio

BILL:	**Sub. H.B. 26**	DATE:	**September 8, 1997**
STATUS:	**As Reported by House Energy and Environment**	SPONSOR:	**Rep. Lucas**

LOCAL IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED: **No — No local cost**

CONTENTS: **Alters the composition, appointment, compensation, and procedures to be followed by the boards of directors of certain existing sanitary districts**

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions. The one district in Ohio affected by this bill (the Mahoning Valley Sanitary District) is established as a non-profit organization, not a political subdivision.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill alters the composition and method for appointment of directors of sanitary districts organized wholly for the purpose of providing a water supply for domestic, municipal and public use. It also alters the procedures such a board must follow for meetings, bidding contracts and other activities. Currently only one of these districts exists in Ohio. It is established as a non-profit organization, not a political subdivision, and receives all of its operating funds from the sale of water.

Under the bill, board members would receive worker's compensation coverage and could receive benefits, including medical, dental, vision and life insurance, as determined by the court of jurisdiction of such a sanitary district. Board members would not be eligible for holiday pay or leave time, but would be compensated in accordance with the time actually employed in performance of their duties and for necessary expenses incurred in performing their duties. Because a member would not be considered a public employee under the bill, the member would not be eligible for membership with the Public Employees Retirement System. Members may be compensated a maximum of $10,000 per year. Board members may also receive up to $5,000 per year for reimbursement of meals, lodging and other expenses associated with out-of-state travel.

Additionally, any service purchased by a district at a cost of $10,000 or more must be attained through competitive bidding. A district may purchase and pay for all or part of the cost of group insurance policies that provide hospitalization, surgical care, major medical care, disability, dental care, eye care, hearing aids, or prescription drugs.

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