

- Park districts and political subdivisions would be allowed to purchase land from park districts for conservation or for parks or recreation purposes in certain cases.
- Boards of county commissioners would be authorized to donate personal property, including motor vehicles, to other governments without advertisement or public notice. This could save the counties a few thousand dollars, depending on the frequency of donations. In addition, the counties would lose the value, if any, of the property being donated.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Conveyance Documents Identifying the Beneficiary Agency

This legislation would require that any instrument by which the state or a state agency acquires an interest in real property identify the agency that would benefit from the acquisition. Only new acquisitions would be subject to the bill. Since no additional property rights would be gained through this bill, there is no fiscal effect on the state or on local entities.

Authorization of Conveyance of Park District Lands

Metropolitan park districts would be allowed to sell land to the state, federal government, park districts and other Ohio political subdivisions for conservation or for parks or recreation purposes. Currently the park commissioners may sell or dispose of the lands only for the use that was intended upon the acquisition of the park lands. The park district attempting to sell its lands would be required to send written notice to park districts in the same or adjacent political subdivision, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, and the U.S. Department of the Interior (or other state or federal agencies that operate parks, conservation, or recreation areas near the land). If there is only one offer to purchase the land in the 60-day period after the park district has sent written notice to those agencies, the board need not hold a public hearing on the offer. If there is more than one offer, the board must hold a public hearing on the offers. After the hearings, the board may accept any of the offers that would result in the best public use of the land.

Any such conveyances could increase revenues for the seller park district and cause a loss of assets for the district. Any governmental unit obtaining the park lands could increase expenditures and gain assets.

County Donations Without the Requirement of Advertisement or Public Notice

Boards of county commissioners would be authorized to donate personal property, including motor vehicles, to other governments without advertisement or public notice. This could save the counties up to a few thousand dollars, depending on the frequency of donations. In addition, the counties would lose the value, if any, of the property being donated.

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