

Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

127th General Assembly of Ohio

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BILL: **H.B. 62** DATE: **March 14, 2007**
STATUS: **As Introduced** SPONSOR: **Rep. Ujvagi**
LOCAL IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED: **No — Permissive**
CONTENTS: **To authorize a board of county commissioners or a board of trustees of a regional water and sewer district to offer discounts on water and sewer rates**

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

LOCAL GOVERNMENT	FY 2007	FY 2008	FUTURE YEARS
Counties			
Revenues	Potential loss of water and sewer fee revenue from persons qualifying for exemption	Potential loss of water and sewer fee revenue from persons qualifying for exemption	Potential loss of water and sewer fee revenue from persons qualifying for exemption
Expenditures	-0-	- 0 -	- 0 -
Regional Water and Sewer Districts			
Revenues	Potential loss of water and sewer fee revenue from persons qualifying for exemption	Potential loss of water and sewer fee revenue from persons qualifying for exemption	Potential loss of water and sewer fee revenue from persons qualifying for exemption
Expenditures	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -

Note: For most local governments, the fiscal year is the calendar year. The school district fiscal year is July 1 through June 30.

- Permits county commissioners and regional water and sewer districts to offer discounted water and sewer rates for persons 65 years of age or older. These political subdivisions could experience a loss of revenue from water and sewer rates from these qualifying individuals should the political subdivisions opt to offer discounts.



Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill permits boards of county commissioners as well as boards of trustees of regional water and sewer districts to offer discounts on water and sewer rates to persons 65 years of age or older. The boards may establish discounted rates or charges as well as establish eligibility requirements for such reduced rates. These eligibility requirements must include that the person be eligible for the Homestead Exemption, or qualify as a low and moderate-income person. Because it is not known how many boards will decide to offer such a discount, how many individuals would qualify in each county or water and sewer district, and if offered, what the discounted water and sewer rate would be, LSC cannot estimate what the costs of this permissive authority would be.

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