



benefits to this employee. Additionally, there would be some minimal costs for placing the issue of home rule on a ballot.

Limited home rule powers would allow the township to do the following:

- (1) Exercise all powers of local self-government within the unincorporated area of the township, other than powers that are in conflict with general laws, except that the township shall comply with the requirements and prohibitions of this chapter, and shall enact no taxes other than those authorized by general law, and except that no resolution adopted pursuant shall encroach upon the powers, duties, and privileges of elected township officers or change, alter, combine, eliminate, or otherwise modify the form or structure of the township government unless the change is required or permitted.
- (2) Adopt and enforce, within the unincorporated area of the township, local police, sanitary, and other similar regulations that are not in conflict with general laws or otherwise prohibited.
- (3) Supply water and sewer services to users within the unincorporated area of the township in accordance with sections 504.18 to 504.20 of the Revised Code.
- (4) Adopt and enforce within the unincorporated area of the township any resolution of a type described in section 503.52 of the Revised Code.

Presumably, townships would opt to use home rule powers with respect to providing certain services such as police, water, and sewage where it is cost effective. Currently, these services for unincorporated areas are generally provided by either the county, or some other political subdivision under arrangements made between these entities. The powers granted to smaller townships meeting the bill's criteria would seem most useful to those that exist in areas near or surrounded by urban areas.

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