
Executive**LOCCD4 Publication of Legal Notices and Advertisements****R.C. 7.10, 7.16**

Defines "state agency" and "political subdivision" for purposes of the public notice law with respect to publishing second, abbreviated notices or advertisements in newspapers of general circulation.

Requires that the second, abbreviated notice or advertisement be published on the state public notice web site.

Eliminates the provision prohibiting a state agency or political subdivision from using the abbreviated procedure if it does not operate and maintain a web site.

Eliminates the requirement that the first publication of all legal advertisements or notices be posted on the state public notice web site.

Fiscal effect: This reduces public notice and advertising costs for political subdivisions and certain state agencies.

LOCCD6 Fiscal Distress Financial Plan Requirements**R.C. 118.023, 118.06, 3316.04, and 3316.06**

Requires a municipal corporation, county, township, and school district under a fiscal watch or fiscal emergency to identify, in the financial plan required in these circumstances, the actions to be taken to enter into a shared service agreement with another political subdivision that agrees to carry out governmental functions or provide services for the municipal corporation, county, township, or school district.

Fiscal effect: There could be some increase in administrative costs for political subdivisions to provide this additional information in the required financial plans.

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LOCCD9 Group Insurance Coverage for County Officers and Employees**R.C. 305.171**

Eliminates the provision that prohibits boards of county commissioners from contracting for or purchasing group insurance policies, or benefits once the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) implements health care plans that contain best practices for counties.

Fiscal effect: The impact of this provision will depend on the terms of the health care contracts and how they compare to the best practices established by DAS.

LOCCD5 County Auditors Serving as Fiscal Officers**R.C. 319.09**

Authorizes a county auditor, if permitted by the Board of County Commissioners, to serve as the fiscal officer for any department, office, or agency of the county.

Fiscal effect: This could result in cost savings if counties are able to eliminate or leave vacant fiscal officer positions unfilled.

LOCCD2 County Weights and Measures Inspectors**R.C. 319.59**

This provision authorizes a county auditor, as the county sealer, to share the services of county weights and measures inspectors with other counties, provided the inspectors remain part-time employees of each county. Specifies, however, that if an inspector becomes a full-time employee of one county that the inspector's employment with the other county must be terminated.

Authorizes a county auditor to enter into a contract with a private person to perform the services of a weights and measures inspector, but requires that any contractor performing these functions meet the training and continuing education requirements established for weights and measures inspectors by the Director of Agriculture.

Fiscal effect: There could be cost savings for county auditors that share weights and measures inspectors or contract with other counties for these inspection services.

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LOCCD16 Horizontal Well Impact Loans and Repayment Plans

R.C. *321.49, 1509.01, 1509.06, 5705.27, 5705.32,
and 5705.52*

Requires a horizontal well owner, before beginning construction of a well pad (defined in the bill), to pay a \$25,000 fee to the county in which the well pad will be located.

Requires an additional \$25,000 fee to be payable for each subsequent well drilled on the same pad, due before drilling begins.

Requires county treasurers who receive fee payments to establish in the county treasury an Oil and Gas Escrow Fund, and to deposit into the fund such payments.

Establishes a process whereby the county budget commission distributes the fees to all or some taxing units that levy a property tax in the taxing district in which the well will be located to defray costs incurred from the presence of the well. Requires taxing units that receive any portion of the fee to repay these amounts to the owners over subsequent fiscal years based on the amount of property tax the unit collects from the well.

Authorizes the Chief of the Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management to suspend operations of a well and revoke a permit of a permittee who does not pay a fee required by the laws and rules of the Division, including the \$25,000 fee.

Fiscal effect: The \$25,000 fee could offset some of the cost that taxing units might incur for horizontal wells within their jurisdiction. However, taxing units that receive any portion of the fee are required to repay those amounts by reducing the well owners' property tax liabilities.

LOCCD11 Increase of Competitive Bid Thresholds for Various Political Subdivisions

R.C. *723.52, 723.53, 731.141, 735.05, 737.03,
749.26, 749.28, 749.31, 753.15, 755.29,
755.30, and 6115.20*

Increases the competitive bidding thresholds that apply to projects for the construction, reconstruction, widening, resurfacing, or repair of a street or other public way for statutory villages (\$25,000) and cities (\$30,000) to \$50,000.

Increases from \$10,000 to \$50,000 the competitive bid threshold for a board of hospital trustees of a municipal hospital having donated property and for a joint board having management control over a workhouse erected for the joint use of a

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city and a county or real estate for the purpose of erecting and maintaining a workhouse.

Increases from \$25,000 to \$50,000 the threshold for a board of park commissioners having control of parks and park facilities and changes the threshold from \$10,000 to \$50,000 for any contract for work or supplies.

Increases the bidding thresholds for sanitary districts from \$10,000 to \$50,000.

Fiscal effect: This could reduce administrative burden for political subdivisions by reducing the number of projects subject to competitive bidding requirements.

LOCCD20 Limited Period to Test an Accused for Venereal Disease**R.C. 2907.27**

Modifies an existing criminal law provision to require that a person arrested for certain sexually oriented offenses, and required to submit to a test for a venereal disease, do so within 48 hours after the date on which a complaint, information, or indictment is filed.

Fiscal effect: This provision brings Ohio into compliance with federal guidelines to be eligible for money from the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant program. The state currently receives around \$4 million annually from this federal grant program. Absent this statutory modification, 5% of this annual amount could have been withheld. Whether the 48-hour requirement will create any additional testing-related costs for local law enforcement is uncertain.

LOCCD15 Local Boards of Health - Authority to Contract**R.C. 3709.08, 3709.36, and 3709.081 (repealed)**

Specifies that local boards of health are bodies corporate and politic and have all rights and responsibilities inherent with this designation.

Clarifies that local boards of health may contract with each other for the provision of some or all public health services, rather than only for all services as under current law.

Specifies that the effectiveness of a contract in which one local board of health agrees to provide some, but not all, public health services on behalf of another local board is not dependent on the ODH Director's approval.

Fiscal effect: None.

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LOCCD14 General Health District Appropriation Measures

R.C. 3709.28

Requires that a general health district comply with specific current law provisions requiring the adoption of an itemized appropriation measure and revenue estimate for a fiscal year only if the district will receive an appropriation from the municipal corporations and townships that comprise the district. Allows general health districts that do not receive such appropriations to instead comply with general law provisions governing the adoption of an appropriation measure by a subdivision.

Provides that the revenue estimate certified by a general health district for a fiscal year must include any surplus money in the district health fund that will be carried forward to that fiscal year from the current fiscal year to fund ongoing operations.

Fiscal effect: None.

LOCCD8 Cost of County Boards of Health Office Space and Utilities

R.C. 3709.34

Requires a board of county commissioners to provide office space and utilities to the county's general health district board of health through FY 2013, and to provide payments in FY 2014 through FY 2017 based on specified decreasing proportions (80% in FY 2014, 60% in FY 2015, 40% in FY 2016, and 20% in FY 2017) of the estimated costs of office space and utilities, with no obligation to provide or make payments for office space and utilities after FY 2017.

Permits a board of county commissioners, in FY 2018 and thereafter, to provide office space and utilities to the general health district board of health, by contract or free of charge.

Relieves a board of county commissioners of its obligation to provide office space and utilities if the board of health rents, leases, lease-purchases, or acquires office space on its own.

Fiscal effect: This reduces costs for county commissioners since they will pay a decreasing portion of costs for office space and utilities through FY 2017 and will not be required to pay any portion after that year. There will, however, be a subsequent increase in costs for local boards of health in a general health district.

Executive**LOCCD10 Effective Period of County Quarterly Spending Plans****R.C. 5705.392**

Limits the duration of quarterly spending plans that may be adopted by a board of county commissioners and that applies to certain county funds to two fiscal years.

Limits the duration of a quarterly spending plan for the office of an elected official to either two years or until the fiscal year in which that elected official is no longer in office.

LOCCD19 Metrohealth Land Conveyance**Section: 601.40**
Amends Section 753.25 of H.B. 153

Corrects the legal property description in a land conveyance authorization, for the conveyance of state-owned real estate to the Board of County Hospital Trustees of the MetroHealth System (MetroHealth), in the name of Cuyahoga County, that was contained in H.B. 153.

Fiscal effect: None.

LOCCD12 Land Conveyance - OSU Northwood Avenue**Section: 753.110**

Authorizes the Governor to execute a deed in the name of the state conveying to the City of Columbus, its successors and assigns, all of the state's right, title, and interest in certain real estate located in Columbus in Franklin County.

Specifies the consideration for conveyance is \$3,070, as derived by mutual agreement reached between the state and the grantee through an executed Offer to Purchase.

Specifies that the real estate is to be sold as an entire tract and not in parcels.

Requires the City of Columbus to pay the costs of conveyance.

Specifies that the section authorizing the land conveyance expires one year after its effective date.

Executive**LOCCD13 Land Conveyance - OSU Surplus Properties****Section: 753.120**

Authorizes the Governor to execute a deed in the name of the state conveying to one or more purchasers, their heirs or successors and assigns, all of the state's right, title, and interest in nine real estate properties located in Brown, Franklin, and Wayne Counties.

Authorizes the Director of Administrative Services to adjust the legal descriptions to accommodate any corrections necessary.

Specifies that the parcels may be transferred individually or as a group, as multiple groups to a single purchaser, or to multiple purchasers.

Specifies that consideration for the conveyance is the purchase price and any terms and conditions acceptable to the Board of Trustees of The Ohio State University.

Requires the purchaser or purchasers to pay the costs of the conveyance.

Specifies that the net proceeds of the sale of the real estate is to be paid to The Ohio State University and deposited in university accounts for purposes determined by the Board of Trustees.

Specifies that the section authorizing the land conveyance expires one year after its effective date.

LOCCD3 Land Conveyance - Brunswick City School District**Section: 753.130**

Authorizes the Governor to execute a deed in the name of the state conveying to the Brunswick City school district, its successors and assigns, all of the state's right, title, and interest in certain real estate located in Brunswick in Medina County.

Specifies the consideration for the conveyance is the purchase price of ten dollars.

Specifies that the intent of the section is to correct an oversight whereby the state, which had been holding the parcels of land as collateral for bond requirements under Brunswick's school facilities project, was to have returned the land to Brunswick upon completion of the project.

Requires Brunswick to pay the costs of conveyance.

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Specifies that the net proceeds of the sale of real estate be deposited into the State Treasury to the credit of the GRF.
Specifies that the section authorizing the land conveyance expires one year after its effective date.

LOCCD1 Land Conveyance - Ripley Union Lewis Huntington School District**Section: 753.150**

Authorizes the Governor to execute a deed in the name of the state conveying to the Ripley Union Lewis Huntington school district, its successors and assigns, all of the state's right, title, and interest in certain real estate located in Brown County.

Specifies the consideration for the conveyance is the purchase price of ten dollars.

Specifies that the intent of the section is to correct an oversight whereby the state, which had been holding the parcels of land as collateral for bond requirements under Ripley's school facilities project, was to have returned the land to Ripley upon completion of the project.

Requires Ripley to pay the costs of conveyance.

Specifies that the net proceeds of the sale of real estate be deposited into the State Treasury to the credit of the GRF.

Specifies that the section authorizing the land conveyance expires one year after its effective date.

LOCCD17 Land Conveyance - Out Lot 14, Village of Apple Creek in Wayne County**Section: 753.40**

Authorizes the Governor to execute a deed in the name of the state conveying to a buyer or buyers to be determined all of the state's right, title, and interest in certain real estate located in Wayne County.

Specifies that the DAS Director offer the real estate in its present condition and sell the real estate as an entire parcel and not subdivide it.

Requires that the real estate be sold through a public auction conducted by the DAS Director and that the real estate be sold to the highest bidder at a price acceptable to both the DAS Director and the ODODD Director. Also specifies that the DAS Director may reject any and all bids from the auction. Requires the DAS Director to advertise the public auction in a newspaper of general circulation within Wayne County, once a week for three consecutive weeks prior to the date of the auction.

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Specifies the terms of sale as ten per cent of the purchase price in cash, bank draft, or certified check on the date of sale, with the balance payable within sixty days after the date of sale.

Specifies that the net proceeds of the sale of the real estate shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mental Health Improvement Fund, and shall be used to offset bond indebtedness for Gallipolis Developmental Center capital projects.

Specifies that ODODD pay for the costs associated with advertising, appraisal, and other issues related to the conveyance.

Specifies that the section authorizing the land conveyance expires three years after its effective date.

LOCCD18 Land Conveyance - Board of Guernsey County Commissioners**Section: 753.50**

Authorizes the Governor to execute a deed in the name of the state conveying to the Board of County Commissioners of Guernsey County, Ohio, and its successors and assigns, all of the state's right, title, and interest in certain real estate located in Guernsey County.

Specifies the consideration for the conveyance is the purchase price of \$5,000 paid to the state at closing according to a mutual agreement reached between the state and the grantee.

Specifies that the real estate be sold as an entire tract and not in parcels.

Requires the Board of County Commissioners of Guernsey County to pay the costs of the conveyance, including recordation costs of the deed.

Specifies that the section authorizing the land conveyance expires one year after its effective date.

LOCCD21 Land Conveyance - Addison Township in Gallia County**Section: 753.60**

Authorizes the Governor to execute a deed in the name of the state conveying to a buyer or buyers to be determined, all of the state's right, title, and interest in certain real estate located in the Township of Addison in Gallia County.

Authorizes the DAS Director to adjust the legal descriptions to accommodate any corrections necessary.

Requires that ODODD with assistance from DAS have the parcel of real estate appraised by one or more disinterested persons for a fee.

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Requires the DAS Director to offer the real estate at the appraised value to the Board of County Commissioners of Gallia County and specifies that the acceptance of the offer to purchase the real estate - made through an "Offer to Purchase Real Estate" document - will establish the terms of the conveyance.

Requires that, if after 30 days the Gallia County commissioners decline to purchase the real estate at the appraised value or does not complete the purchase, the DAS Director offer the real estate at the appraised value to the Board of Township Trustees of Addison Township.

Requires that, if after 30 days the Addison Township trustees decline to purchase the real estate at the appraised value or not complete the purchase, the real estate be sold through a public auction conducted by the DAS Director. Requires that the real estate be sold to the highest bidder at a price acceptable to both the DAS Director and the ODODD Director. Also specifies that the DAS Director may reject any and all bids from the auction. Requires the DAS Director to advertise the public auction in a newspaper of general circulation within Gallia County, once a week for three consecutive weeks prior to the date of the auction.

Specifies the terms of sale as ten per cent of the purchase price in cash, bank draft, or certified check on the date of sale, with the balance payable within sixty days after the date of sale.

Specifies that the net proceeds of the sale of the real estate shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mental Health Improvement Fund, and shall be used to offset bond indebtedness for Gallipolis Developmental Center capital projects.

Specifies that ODODD pay for the costs associated with advertising, appraisal, and other issues related to the conveyance.

Specifies that the section authorizing the land conveyance expires three years after its effective date.

LOCCD7**Land Conveyance - Board of Education of the Columbus City School District****Section: 753.70**

Authorizes the Governor to execute a deed in the name of the state conveying to the Board of Education of the Columbus City school district, its successors and assigns, all of the state's right, title, and interest in certain real estate located in Columbus in Franklin County.

Specifies the consideration for conveyance is \$3,131.96, as derived by mutual agreement reached between DAS and the grantee through an executed Offer to Purchase. Specifies that the real estate is to be sold as an entire tract and not in parcels.

Requires the Board of Education of the Columbus City School District to pay the costs of conveyance.

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Specifies that the net proceeds of the sale of real estate be deposited into the State Treasury to the credit of Fund 1520 used by the Department of Developmental Disabilities.

Specifies that the section authorizing the land conveyance expires one year after its effective date.

LOCCD22 Perpetual Easement - City of Cambridge**Section: 753.80**

Authorizes the Director of DAS to execute a perpetual easement in the name of the state granting to the City of Cambridge, and its successors and assigns, a perpetual interest in certain real estate in Guernsey County.

Specifies the consideration for granting the easement is \$1.

Requires the City of Cambridge, upon the full execution of the easement, to assume perpetual responsibility to install, construct, reconstruct, use, operate, maintain, repair, service, and generally improve upon the easement area.

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JSCCD1 **Modernization of Language in Court Reporter Statutes**

R.C. *1509.36, 571.14, 2301.03, 2301.18, 2301.19,
2301.20, 2301.21, 2301.22, 2301.23, 2301.24,
2301.25, 2301.26, 2319.27, 2501.16, 2501.17,
2743.09, 2746.03, 2746.04, 2939.11, 3745.05*

Eliminates references to shorthand reporter and stenographic records and adds references to electronic records in statutes relating to court reporters.

Fiscal effect: None.

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Property Taxes and Transfer Fees

TAXCD16 Value of Processed Hydrocarbons and Processed Gas Reserves

R.C. *5713.052, 5713.051*

For property tax purposes, calculates the true value (for tax year 2013 and thereafter) of reserves of natural gas and other hydrocarbons that are removed from the ground and extracted by a mid-stream processor similar to how gas and oil extracted from the ground are currently valued for such purposes.

Fiscal effect: Expanding the definition of taxable real property to include hydrocarbon and natural gas reserves increases local revenues by an amount commensurate with the quantity of applicable reserves in the local taxing jurisdiction.

TAXCD15 Extending County Appraisal Cycles

Section: *757.10*

Authorizes the Tax Commissioner, beginning in 2014 and continuing for five years, to extend the revaluation of real property required in a county by not more than one year.

Fiscal effect: May increase or decrease the property tax revenues of local jurisdictions depending on whether the delayed sexennial reappraisal or triennial update would increase or decrease aggregate taxable property values in the county.

Other Taxation Provisions

TAXCD1 Cancellation of Tax Debts of \$50 or Less

R.C. *131.02, 5703.061*

Allows the Tax Commissioner to cancel a taxpayer's liability for unpaid taxes, penalties, and interest if the total amount owed for a single tax period does not exceed \$50.

Fiscal effect: This change is expected to have a minimal fiscal effect. The provision will both decrease administrative costs and revenue.

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TAXCD41 Facsimile or E-Mail Filing of Appeals

R.C. *5717.01, 5717.011, 5717.02*

Allows for parties to file a notice of appeal to the Board of Tax Appeals by fax or e-mail. For an appeal of a municipal income tax case from a municipal board of appeals, also allows the parties to file by fax or e-mail with a court of common pleas.

Fiscal effect: Electronic filing may reduce costs of the Board of Tax Appeals, by an undetermined amount. For courts of common pleas, efficiencies with electronic filing may reduce costs, or costs may increase for any courts not currently equipped for electronic filing.
