



*Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments**

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Adds to the House-passed version provisions that:

(1) Authorize a township clerk to hire and appoint for the clerk or deputy clerk one or more assistants to serve at the pleasure of the clerk or deputy clerk (R.C. 507.021).

(2) Authorize a township clerk to set the compensation of those assistants subject to the prior approval of the board of township trustees (R.C. 507.021).

(3) Require those assistants to give bond for the faithful discharge of their delegated duties (R.C. 507.021).

(4) Change the existing authority for expanding a township police district's territory by resolution of the board of township trustees, by requiring both (a) a unanimous vote of the board to place the issue of expansion on the ballot and (b) a favorable vote of the electors when the expansion will extend to the *entire* unincorporated territory of the township (R.C. 505.48, 505.482, and 505.50).

(5) Require the ballot measure on such an issue of expansion to levy any tax then imposed by the township police district throughout the unincorporated territory of the township, to state the rate of any such tax resulting from approval of the measure (that rate need not be the same rate as that imposed by the existing district), and to state the last year in which any such tax will be levied or that it will be levied for a continuous period of time (R.C. 505.482).

(6) Retain existing authority to expand a township police district's territory by a resolution (two-thirds vote) of the board of township trustees in all cases of expansion not involving the entire unincorporated territory of the township (R.C. 505.48).

(7) Authorize the board of trustees of a joint ambulance district to establish reasonable user charges for ambulance or emergency medical services that may vary among district resident and nonresident users (R.C. 505.721).

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* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate floor.