



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments*

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Removes the authority for a board of county commissioners to phase out its current duty to pay for office space and utilities for health districts by removing Section 3709.34 of the Revised Code from the bill.

Requires the arresting authorities or a court, upon the request of the prosecutor or victim, to cause a defendant charged with specified sexual offenses to undergo an existing procedure testing for sexually transmitted diseases within 48 hours after the date on which the complaint, information, or indictment in the case is filed against or served upon the accused.

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

Specifies that a contract for *all* services is not effective until two requirements are met: (1) the Director of Health determines that the board of health or authority having the duties of a board of health that is to provide the services is organized and equipped to provide the services, and (2) certain government officials in the jurisdiction approve the contract.

Provides that, for the purpose of calculating the amount to be appropriated to a general health district, the district's revenue for an upcoming year includes any money in the District Health Fund carried forward from the previous appropriation, "after considering and allowing for funds needed to fund ongoing operations in the ensuing fiscal year."

Specifies that the legal action required to dissolve a municipal corporation or township under fiscal emergency and meeting certain conditions must be filed in the court of common pleas and the court must hold a hearing within ninety days after the date the Attorney General files the action; specifies the entities to receive notice of the hearing.

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

Requires notification be sent to the Office of Budget and Management (OBM) by the Financial Planning and Supervision Commission in order to withhold state funding when a county, township, or municipal corporation under fiscal watch fails to submit a financial plan as required under current law or fails to substantially comply with a submitted plan.

Provides that upon receipt of a similarly provided subsequent notice, OBM must release withheld funds if an approved plan is submitted or substantially complied with.

Exempts specified entities (a county or independent agricultural society or the Ohio Expositions Commission) that operate a fair and hold a license under the Vehicle Parks Law from complying with the license requirements during the time period when the preparation for, operation of, and dismantling of the fair occurs.

Includes a regional water and sewer district among the entities authorized to hold and acquire conservation easements.

Adds a signature requirement for the written application (complaint) to the county board of revision that a person must submit when seeking a decrease in property valuation.

Authorizes a property owner to refile a complaint with the Board of Revision within the same interim period if the owner voluntarily withdrew the complaint before the complaint was heard by the board.

Changes the current deadline (the seventieth day before the general election) for certifying presidential and vice-presidential names on the official ballots for the 2012 general election; declares an emergency because Ohio's deadline for certification occurs before the date of the national conventions of the major political parties.

Requires the major political parties to certify to the Secretary of State the names of candidates for president and vice-president nominated at their national conventions as soon as possible, but no later than four p.m. on the sixtieth day before the 2012 general election.

Requires county auditors to report, by November 1, 2012, to the State Auditor, the formula used in their counties to allocate the county undivided local government fund and the dollar amount distributed to each subdivision in that county.