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## **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

### **Abolishment of boards**

- Abolishes the following boards:
  - Clean Ohio Council (abolishes the Council and the associated brownfield cleanup remediation program, and specifies that the Department of Development must assume the obligations of the Council);
  - Co-op/internship Advisory Committee;
  - Joint Committee on Sports Gaming;
  - Manufactured Homes Advisory Council;
  - Ohio Cystic Fibrosis Legislative Task Force;
  - Third Frontier Governing Board.

### **Board appointment deadline**

- Extends, until 45 days after the commencement of the first regular session of each General Assembly, the date by which the legislative appointments to certain boards must be made.

### **Commission on Eastern European Affairs**

- Establishes the Commission on Eastern European Affairs and specifies its membership and duties.
- Establishes the Office of Eastern European Affairs, which reports to the Commission, and specifies its duties.

### **New African Immigrants Commission**

- Establishes the Office of New African Immigrant Affairs to assist the New African Immigrants Commission in the fulfillment of its duties.
- Creates the New African Immigrants Grant and Gift Fund in the state treasury.
- Adds four nonvoting members to the Commission to be appointed by the House Speaker and the Senate President, two of whom are General Assembly members.

### **Commission on Minority Health**

- Expands the Commission on Minority Health to 22 members by adding the Director of Aging or the Director's designee.

### **General Assembly appointments**

- Removes General Assembly appointments from the following boards:
  - Broadcast Educational Media Commission;
  - Child Support Guideline Advisory Council;

- Chiropractic Loan Repayment Advisory Board;
  - Commission on Hispanic-Latino Affairs;
  - Dentist Loan Repayment Advisory Board;
  - Historical Boilers Licensing Board;
  - Ohio Athletic Commission;
  - Ohio Expositions Commission;
  - Ohio Coal Development Technical Advisory Committee;
  - Second Chance Trust Fund Advisory Committee.
- Eliminates the requirement for the House Speaker and the Senate President to recommend individuals for appointment to the New African Immigrants Commission.

### **Ohio Public Works Commission**

- Establishes a schedule for appointments to fill vacancies on the Ohio Public Works Commission, and changes the length of terms for Commission members from three years to four years.

### **Abolishment of boards**

The bill abolishes the following boards:

- Clean Ohio Council (see “**Clean Ohio Council**,” below);
- Co-op/internship Advisory Committee (Repealed R.C. 3333.731; R.C. 3333.74);
- Joint Committee on Sports Gaming (Section 610.100, repealing Section 5 of H.B. 29, 134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly);
- Manufactured Homes Advisory Council (Repealed R.C. 4781.02);
- Ohio Cystic Fibrosis Legislative Task Force (Repealed R.C. 101.38);
- Third Frontier Governing Board (Repealed R.C. 184.03; R.C. 184.02, 184.20, and 183.19).

### **Clean Ohio Council**

(Repealed R.C. 122.65, 122.651, 122.652, 122.653, 122.654, 122.655, 122.656, 122.657, 122.658, 122.659, 122.99, and 3745.40; conforming changes in R.C. 151.01, 151.40, 164.23, 164.24, 317.08, 725.01, 3745.015, 3746.13, 4313.02, and 5301.80; Section 525.50)

The bill abolishes the Clean Ohio Council and the associated brownfield cleanup remediation program, and specifies that the Department of Development must assume the obligations of the Council. Any business commenced, but not completed by the Council must be completed by the Department. This will require the Department to oversee to completion any remaining active projects. All records of the Council must be transferred to the Department as well as all of its other assets and liabilities.

The bill eliminates the Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund, and specifies that any obligations, which under current law must be deposited into that fund, must instead be deposited into the General Revenue Fund.

## **Board appointment deadline**

(R.C. 101.34, 101.84, 103.51, 103.60, 103.65, 103.71, 123.20, 3379.02, 3505.061, 3701.78, and 3702.92; Section 737.40)

The bill allows 45 days after the commencement of the first regular session of a General Assembly, for an appointing authority (generally the House Speaker, the Senate President, or the Governor), to make appointments of members to the following boards:

- Joint Legislative Ethics Committee;
- Sunset Review Committee;
- Legislative Task Force on Redistricting, Reapportionment, and Demographic Research;
- Rare Disease Advisory Council;
- Ohio Health Oversight and Advisory Committee;
- Correctional Institution Inspection Committee;
- Ohio Facilities Construction Commission;
- Ohio Arts Council;
- Ohio Ballot Board;
- Commission on Minority Health.

Under current law, appointments to these boards are required to be made by an earlier date.

The bill also requires the Joint Legislative Ethics Committee to conduct its first meeting 60 days after the first day of the first regular session of each General Assembly. Under current law, the Committee must conduct its first meeting 30 days after that date.

The bill modifies the dates of appointment and schedule of terms for the Dentist Loan Repayment Advisory Board. (See “**Dentist Loan Repayment Advisory Board**,” below under “**General Assembly Appointments**.”)

## **Commission on Eastern European Affairs**

### **Membership**

(R.C. 107.22)

The bill establishes the Commission on Eastern European Affairs, which consists of the following members:

- Three members appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, for a one-year term;

- Four members appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, for a two-year term;
- Two members appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, for a three-year term;
- One member, who is a private citizen, appointed by the House Speaker for a three-year term;
- One member, who is a private citizen, appointed by the Senate President for a three-year term;
- Two nonvoting members who are members of the General Assembly, each of whom is appointed by the head of their respective chamber.

Following the initial appointments, the term of office for each voting member will be three years. Voting members must remain in their post until a successor is appointed or until 30 days after the end of their term, whichever occurs first. The term of a nonvoting member expires when the nonvoting member is no longer a member of the General Assembly. The bill also specifies that a vacancy must be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.

The Commission must meet at least six times per year. At the Commission's first meeting, the voting members must elect from amongst themselves a chairperson, vice chairperson, and other officers. The members must also prescribe rules to govern the Commission. Six voting members constitute a quorum and no action may be taken without the affirmative vote of six voting members. Finally, the bill allows voting members of the Commission to be compensated for "actual and necessary" expenses incurred and for each day that a member is engaged in the duties of the Commission, but not more than one day per month.

To be eligible to serve as a voting member of the Commission, a person must be representative of various geographical regions of Eastern European people, proportionally representative of the Eastern European composition of Ohio, and must also be at least one of the following:

- A person of Eastern European origin;
- A U.S. citizen;
- A lawful and permanent resident of Ohio.

## **Duties**

(R.C. 107.23)

The bill specifies the duties of the Commission, which include all of the following:

- Gather and disseminate information and conduct hearings, conferences, investigations, and special studies on issues and programs concerning Eastern European people;
- Secure appropriate recognition of accomplishments and contributions of Eastern European people to Ohio;

- Promote public awareness of the issues facing Eastern European people by conducting a program of public education;
- Develop, coordinate, and assist other public and private organizations that serve Eastern European people, including conducting training programs for community leadership and service project staff;
- Advise the Governor, General Assembly, and state departments and agencies regarding the nature, magnitude, and priorities of the issues of Eastern European people;
- Advise the Governor, General Assembly, and state departments and agencies on the special needs of Eastern European people regarding education, employment, energy, health, housing, welfare, and recreation, and develop and implement policies and programs to address those needs;
- Propose new programs concerning Eastern European people to public and private agencies and evaluate any existing programs within agencies;
- Review and approve grants from federal, state, or private funds that are administered or subcontracted by the Office of Eastern European Affairs;
- Review and approve the annual report prepared by the Office;
- Coordinate and provide information regarding available state services to meet the needs of Eastern European people;
- Appoint a Director to the Office.

The bill also defines “Eastern European people” to mean a person who either (1) primarily speaks an Eastern European language or (2) identifies or is regarded in the community as being of any Eastern European origin, including all of the following: Albanian; Belarusian; Bosnian and Herzegovinian; Bulgarian; Carpatho-Rusyn; Croatian; Czech; East European Jewish; Estonian; Greek; Hungarian; Kashubian; Kosovar; Latvian; Lithuanian; Lusatian Sorbian; Macedonian; Moldovans; Montenegrins; Polish; Romanian; Russian; Serbian; Slovak; Slovenian; Transylvanian Saxon; or Ukrainian.

### **Office of Eastern European Affairs**

(R.C. 107.24)

The bill establishes the Office of Eastern European Affairs to assist the Commission in the fulfillment of the Commission’s duties. As previously noted, the Commission must appoint a Director of the Office to serve at the Commission’s pleasure. The Director must appoint employees as necessary to assist in the fulfillment of the Office’s duties; employees appointed by the Director serve at the pleasure of the Director.

The duties of the Office include all of the following:

- Provide information and advise the Commission on proposed solutions to problems of Eastern European people;

- Serve as a clearinghouse to review and comment on all proposals to meet the needs of Eastern European people that are submitted to the Office by public and private agencies;
- Apply for and accept grants and gifts from government and private sources to be administered by the Office or subcontracted to local agencies, as long as the local agencies use the grants and gifts for the public purpose intended;
- Monitor and evaluate all programs subcontracted to local agencies by the Commission and ensure that any grants and gifts from the government are being used for the public purpose intended;
- Endeavor to ensure that Eastern European people have access to decision-making bodies in all state and local government departments and agencies;
- Submit a written annual report of the Office's activities, accomplishments, and recommendations to the Commission;
- Establish an advisory committee for special subjects, as needed, to facilitate and maximize community participation in the operation of the Commission. An advisory committee must be made up of persons representing community organizations, charitable institutions, public officials, and other persons as determined by the Office;
- Establish relationships with local governments, state governments, and private businesses that promote and ensure equal opportunity for Eastern European people in government, education, and employment.

## **New African Immigrants Commission**

(R.C. 4112.32)

The bill removes the requirement that the House Speaker, Senate President, and minority leaders of each chamber recommend members to the New African Immigrants Commission. Under current law, the Speaker and President must each recommend to the Governor two individuals, and the minority leaders of each chamber must recommend to the Governor one individual.

The bill adds four nonvoting members to the Commission. The Speaker must appoint two nonvoting members, one of whom must be a member of the House and one of whom must be a private citizen. The President must appoint the remaining two nonvoting members, one of whom must be a member of the Senate and one of whom must be a private citizen. Each nonvoting member's term of office is four years. For a nonvoting member who is also a member of the General Assembly, the term of office expires at the end of the member's term in the General Assembly or after four years, whichever occurs first.

Under current law, the Commission consists of 11 members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. All members of the Commission must be of sub-Saharan African origin, and must be American citizens or lawful, permanent, resident aliens. Members must be from urban, suburban, and rural geographical areas representative of sub-Saharan African people with a numerical and geographical balance of the sub-Saharan African population throughout Ohio.

## **Office of New African Immigrant Affairs**

(R.C. 4112.33)

The bill establishes the Office of New African Immigrant Affairs to assist the Commission in the fulfillment of the Commission's duties. The Commission must appoint a Director of the Office, who will serve at the pleasure of the Commission. The Director must, pending approval from the Commission, appoint employees as necessary to assist the Office in the fulfillment of its duties; the employees must serve at the pleasure of the Director.

## **New African Immigrants Grant and Gift Fund**

(R.C. 4112.34)

The bill also creates the New African Immigrants Grant and Gift Fund in the state treasury. The fund is to consist of grants and gifts received by the Commission under the Commission's current authority, as noted in its duties listed above, as well as funds transferred or appropriated to the Commission by the General Assembly. The Commission must use the fund to support the Commission's duties, including operating the Office established under the bill. Finally, the bill specifies that investment earnings of the fund must be credited to the fund.

## **Commission on Minority Health**

(R.C. 3701.78)

Under current law, the Commission on Minority Health has 21 members, including the Directors of Health, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Developmental Disabilities, Job and Family Services, and Medicaid, or their designees. The bill adds the Director of Aging or the Director's designee to the Commission.

## **General Assembly appointments**

The bill removes General Assembly appointments from the following boards.

### **Broadcast Educational Media Commission**

(R.C. 3353.02)

The bill eliminates four members of the General Assembly from the Broadcast Educational Media Commission, two from the House and two from the Senate, who under current law serve as nonvoting members on the Commission. The bill also transfers, from the House Speaker and the Senate President to the Governor, the authority to appoint voting members of the Commission. Under current law, the Commission consists of 11 voting members and four nonvoting members. Three of the voting members are appointed by the Speaker, three are appointed by the President, and three are appointed by the Governor. The bill requires the Governor to appoint nine voting members of the Commission. The remaining two voting members of the Commission, under continuing law, are the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Chancellor of the Higher Education.

## **Child support guideline advisory councils**

(R.C. 3119.023)

The bill removes the requirement that the House Speaker and the Senate President each appoint three members to a child support guideline advisory council. Under current law, both the Speaker and President must appoint not more than two members of the same political party.

Current law requires the Department of Job and Family Services, every four years, to review the basic child support schedule issued by the Department to determine whether child support orders adequately provide for the needs of children who are subject to the child support orders. For each review, the Department must establish a child support guideline advisory council to assist the department in the completion of its reviews and reports. Continuing law requires each council to consist of all of the following:

- Obligor;
- Obligees;
- Judges of courts of common pleas who have jurisdiction over domestic relations and juvenile court cases that involve the determination of child support;
- Attorneys whose practice includes a significant number of domestic relations or juvenile court cases that involve the determination of child support;
- Representatives of child support enforcement agencies;
- Other persons interested in the welfare of children.

## **Chiropractic Loan Repayment Advisory Board**

(R.C. 3702.987)

The bill removes the requirement that the House Speaker and the Senate President each appoint one member of their respective chambers to the Chiropractic Loan Repayment Advisory Board. Under continuing law, the Board consists of the following members:

- A representative of the Department of Higher Education, appointed by the Chancellor;
- The Director of Health or an employee of the Department of Health designated by the Director;
- Three representatives of the chiropractic profession, appointed by the Governor.

The purpose of the Board is to assist the Department of Health in the administration of the Chiropractic Loan Repayment Program. Under continuing law, the program provides loan repayment on behalf of individuals who agree to provide chiropractic services in areas designated as chiropractic health resource shortage areas by the Director of Health.



## **Commission on Hispanic-Latino Affairs**

(R.C. 121.31)

The bill removes all four of the nonvoting members of the Commission on Hispanic-Latino Affairs. Under current law, the four nonvoting members are members of the General Assembly, two of whom are appointed by the House Speaker (one from each political party) and two of whom are appointed by the Senate President (one from each political party). The 11 voting members of the Commission, under current law, must each be appointed by the Governor. To be eligible to serve as a voting member, an individual must be all of the following:

- Capable of speaking Spanish;
- Of Spanish-speaking origin;
- A U.S. citizen or lawful, permanent, resident alien.

Furthermore, the Commission must consist of individuals from urban, suburban, and rural geographical areas representative of Spanish-speaking people with a numerical and geographical balance of the Spanish-speaking population throughout Ohio.

## **Dentist Loan Repayment Advisory Board**

(R.C. 3702.92; Section 737.40)

The bill removes the requirement that the House Speaker and the Senate President each appoint two members to the Dentist Loan Repayment Advisory Board. Under current law, the Speaker and President are each required to appoint one member of the General Assembly from each political party to the Board. The remaining members of the Board include:

- A representative of the Department of Higher Education designated by the Chancellor;
- The Director of Health or an employee of the Department of Health designated by the Director;
- Four representatives of the dental profession, appointed by the Governor from persons nominated by the Ohio Dental Association.

The purpose of the Board is to assist the Department of Health in the administration of the Dental Loan Repayment Program. Under continuing law, the program provides loan repayment on behalf of individuals who agree to provide dental services in areas designated as dental health resource shortage areas by the Director of Health.

The bill also adjusts the term of members of the Board, who are representatives of the dental profession appointed by the Governor from persons nominated by the Ohio Dental Association, to begin on February 28 rather than January 28. The bill makes no change to the length of such a term, which is two years under current law. Finally, the bill clarifies that a person who is a member of the Board before this provision's effective date may complete the term to which the person was appointed.

## **Historical Boilers Licensing Board**

(R.C. 4104.33; Section 741.20)

The bill transfers, from the House Speaker and the Senate President, the authority to appoint members to the Historical Boilers Licensing Board. Under current law, the Speaker and President must each appoint two members to the Board and the Governor must appoint the remaining three members. The bill requires the Governor to appoint all seven members to the Board. Under current law, members of the Board must include all of the following:

- One employee of the division of boiler inspection in the Department of Commerce;
- One independent mechanical engineer who is not involved in selling or inspecting historical boilers;
- One active member of an association that represents managers of fairs or festivals;
- Four members who each own a historical boiler, have at least ten years of experience in the operation of historical boilers, and reside in a different region of Ohio.

Finally, the bill clarifies that a current member of the Board who was appointed by the Speaker or President, may complete their term. Upon the expiration of such terms, the Governor must make the necessary appointments.

## **Ohio Athletic Commission**

(R.C. 3773.33)

The bill removes the two nonvoting members of the Ohio Athletic Commission. Under current law, the House Speaker and Senate President must each appoint one nonvoting member from their respective chambers to the Commission. The Commission consists of five voting members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Not more than three members, under current law, may be of the same political party.

## **Ohio Expositions Commission**

(R.C. 991.02)

The bill reduces the membership of the Ohio Expositions Commission from 15 to 13 by removing the two members who are members of the General Assembly. Under current law, the chairperson of the standing committee to which agricultural matters are generally referred in the House must serve as an *ex officio* member of the Commission, as well as the chairperson of the corresponding committee in the Senate.

## **Ohio Coal Development Office Technical Advisory Committee**

(R.C. 1551.35)

The bill removes the four members of the General Assembly from the Ohio Coal Development Office Technical Advisory Committee. Under current law, the House Speaker and the Senate President must each appoint one member of their respective chambers, and the minority leaders of each chamber must each appoint one member from their respective

chambers. The remaining members of the Committee include the following appointments made by the Director of Development:

- One member of the Public Utilities Commission;
- One representative of coal production companies;
- One representative of United Mine Workers of America;
- One representative of electric utilities;
- Two individuals with a background in coal research and development technology, one of whom is employed at the time of the member's appointment by a state university.

The Director of Environmental Protection must also serve as an *ex officio* member of the Committee.

### **Second Chance Trust Fund Advisory Committee**

(R.C. 2108.35)

The bill reduces the membership of the Second Chance Trust Fund Advisory Committee from 13 to 11 by removing two members who are members of the General Assembly. Under current law, the chairperson of the standing committee to which health-related matters are generally referred in the House must serve as an *ex officio* member of the Committee, as well as the chairperson of the corresponding committee in the Senate.

### **Ohio Public Works Commission**

(R.C. 164.02; Section 701.80)

The bill establishes a schedule for appointments to fill vacancies on the Ohio Public Works Commission, and changes the length of terms for Commission members from three years to four years. The bill specifies that a person who is a member of the Commission before the provision's effective date may complete the term to which the person was appointed.

The bill requires that, not later than 30 days after the provision's effective date, the Senate President must appoint one member to a term of four years, and the House Speaker, the House Minority Leader, and the Senate Minority Leader each must appoint one member to an initial term of two years. All subsequent appointments to the Commission, including those for the three positions on the Commission whose terms expire on December 31, 2023, must be for terms of four years. All terms commence from the date of appointment.

The bill clarifies that a member who is appointed to fill a vacancy must complete the remainder of that term, and may be reappointed for up to two subsequent four-year terms.