

Local Government

H.B. 35

Primary Sponsors: Reps. LaRe and Click

Effective date: April 3, 2023

- Permits a mayor to solemnize a marriage anywhere in Ohio.

H.B. 405

Primary Sponsors: Reps. Stewart and Johnson

Effective date: April 3, 2023

- Clarifies the appointing authority for boards of county hospital trustees.
- Allows three members on a board of county hospital trustees to reside outside the county, when the board consists of eight or ten members.
- Allows a county coroner's office to access and view, but not alter, information contained in the Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway.
- Modifies the procedures for filling a vacancy in a county elective office.
- Allows a county treasurer to adopt a policy to allow taxpayers to request electronic delivery of property tax and manufactured home tax bills.
- Allows a treasurer to rescind such a policy with 30 days' written notice to those who have requested electronic delivery.
- Excludes from public records requests any email address or telephone number provided with requests for electronic delivery.

H.B. 501

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Hall

Effective date: April 6, 2023

- Simplifies the process a township must follow to donate unneeded property.
- References the Auditor of State's fraud-reporting system in the law allowing employees to report unlawful activity occurring at the workplace.
- Allows townships engaged in redevelopment to create a special tax increment financing (TIF) district with the goal of providing funding for any project delineated by the township.
- Allows a board of township trustees to appoint a deputy fiscal officer when the office of township fiscal officer becomes vacant.

- Allows a township fiscal officer's assistant to receive compensation allowable under a township's appropriation measure as an alternative to the amount allowable under an estimate of expenditures provided to the board of trustees.
- Allows a board of township trustees, as part of a local government deferred compensation program, to establish a designated Roth account feature or any other feature for retirement savings account contributions that are not tax-deferred.
- Permits counties, townships, and municipal corporations to regulate small solar facilities.
- Allows a township to use general funds to support broadband expansion within the unincorporated territory and establishes requirements for awarding funds and administering a challenge process.
- Authorizes the treasurer or governing board of a subdivision that is a member of the Little Miami Joint Fire and Rescue District to invest all or part of the interim money in bonds or other obligations of the fire district of which it is a member.
- Requires that the fire district bonds or other obligations mature within 20 years.
- Exempts the treasurer or governing board from specified requirements of the Uniform Depository Act when investing the interim money in bonds or other obligations of the Little Miami Joint Fire and Rescue District.

S.B. 15

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Wilson

Effective date: September 13, 2022

- Protects certain fiscal officers of political subdivisions from liability for the loss of public funds when the officer has performed official duties with reasonable care.
- Makes the officers liable for loss of public funds resulting from the officer's negligence or other wrongful act.

S.B. 105

Primary Sponsors: Sens. Sykes and Schuring

Effective date: June 1, 2022

- Requires political subdivisions to accept the state's certification of a Minority Business Enterprise, Women-owned Business Enterprise, or Veteran-friendly Business Enterprise as proof of certain eligibility criteria for comparable local programs and initiatives.