



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Bill Analysis

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132nd General Assembly
(As Introduced)

Reps. Lang, Reineke, Riedel, Romanchuk, Becker

BILL SUMMARY

- Shortens to three years the period of limitations for actions upon a contract.
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CONTENT AND OPERATION

Under the bill, an action upon a specialty (a contract under seal) or an agreement, contract, or promise *in writing* generally must be brought within three years after the cause of action accrued, rather than eight years as provided under current law. In addition, an action upon a contract *not in writing* generally must be brought within three years after the cause of action accrued, rather than six years as currently required.¹

The bill applies to actions in which the cause of action accrues on or after the bill's effective date. For causes of action that accrued *prior* to that date, the period of limitations is three years from the bill's effective date, *or* the expiration of the period of limitations in effect prior to the bill's effective date, whichever occurs first.²

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	05-22-18

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¹ R.C. 2305.06 and 2305.07; Black's Law Dictionary, Fifth Edition (1979).

² Sections 3 and 4.