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## Bill Analysis

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### SUMMARY

- Authorizes conservancy districts to provide for the collection and disposal of solid wastes (for example, nonhazardous garbage) and to establish rates necessary for that collection and disposal.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

The bill authorizes a conservancy district to provide for the collection and disposal of solid wastes. It also allows a conservancy district to establish rates necessary for that collection and disposal.<sup>1</sup>

While the bill does not explicitly define solid wastes, the term generally means nonhazardous garbage – unwanted residual solid or semisolid substances that are not harmful or inimical to public health, which includes garbage, scrap tires, combustible and noncombustible material, street dirt, and debris. It does not mean any material that is infectious waste, hazardous waste, or construction and demolition debris.<sup>2</sup>

Conservancy districts are political subdivisions of Ohio, established pursuant to R.C. Chapter 6101. They are formed at the initiative of local landowners or political subdivisions<sup>3</sup> to solve water management problems.<sup>4</sup> Each conservancy district operates under

<sup>1</sup> R.C. 6101.04(J) and 6101.15(O).

<sup>2</sup> See R.C. 3734.01, not in the bill.

<sup>3</sup> R.C. 6101.05, not in the bill.

<sup>4</sup> R.C. 6101.04.

the jurisdiction of a conservancy court, consisting of one common pleas judge from each county that is within the district.<sup>5</sup>

Once established by the court, a conservancy district has the right of eminent domain<sup>6</sup> and may levy special assessments,<sup>7</sup> declare liens,<sup>8</sup> and issue bonds.<sup>9</sup> While most conservancy districts are established to control floods, districts also may do any of the following:

1. Regulate stream channels;
2. Reclaim wet and overflowed lands;
3. Provide for needed irrigation;
4. Regulate the flow of streams;
5. Divert or eliminate watercourses;
6. Provide a water supply for domestic, industrial, and public use;
7. Provide for the collection and disposal of sewage and other liquid wastes produced within the district; and
8. Arrest erosion along the Lake Erie shoreline.<sup>10</sup>

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## HISTORY

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<sup>5</sup> R.C. 6101.07, not in the bill.

<sup>6</sup> R.C. 6101.17 and 6101.18, not in the bill.

<sup>7</sup> R.C. 6101.55 and 6101.61, not in the bill.

<sup>8</sup> R.C. 6101.59, not in the bill.

<sup>9</sup> R.C. 6101.501, not in the bill.

<sup>10</sup> R.C. 6101.04.