



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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Am. Sub. H.B. 277* 131st General Assembly (As Reported by S. Finance)

Reps. Brenner, Rogers, Hambley, Ruhl, Amstutz, Arndt, Ashford, Baker, Boose, Buchy, Craig, Fedor, Green, Lepore-Hagan, S. O'Brien, Romanchuk, Sprague, Sweeney

BILL SUMMARY

- Authorizes a subdivision to impose a 9-1-1 system levy in only the portion of the subdivision that would be served by the 9-1-1 system.
- Declares an emergency.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

9-1-1 system levy

The bill authorizes a subdivision to levy a tax for the establishment and operation of a 9-1-1 system in only the portion of the subdivision that would be served by the system. As part of the authorization, the bill permits the renewal of a 9-1-1 system tax levy that was imposed in all of a subdivision's territory to be imposed only in areas receiving or to receive the 9-1-1 system service. Only electors residing in the portion of the subdivision subject to the tax would be permitted to vote on the question of the levy. Under current law, a subdivision may levy a tax to establish and operate a 9-1-1 system, and, even when only a portion of the subdivision is served by the system, all electors of the subdivision are permitted to vote on the question of the levy and the tax applies throughout the entirety of the subdivision.¹

* This analysis was prepared before the report of the Senate Finance Committee appeared in the Senate Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and the legislative history may be incomplete.

¹ R.C. 5705.19.

9-1-1 system background

Generally, each county is responsible for implementing a countywide 9-1-1 system.² A countywide 9-1-1 system does not necessarily contain the entirety of the county. For instance, a municipal corporation or township may choose not to participate in the system.³ And, territory within a county may be excluded from the system if the wireline service provider that serves the area is not capable of reasonably meeting the technical and economical requirements of providing the wireline telephone network.⁴ In some cases, a municipal corporation or township (or a combination of contiguous municipal corporations and townships) may establish its own system.⁵

Emergency clause

The bill includes an emergency clause for the purpose of avoiding a delay in the renewal of county 9-1-1 system levies under the act's provisions.⁶

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	06-25-15
Reported, H. Local Gov't	02-17-16
Passed House (95-0)	04-20-16
Reported, S. Finance	---

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² R.C. 128.03, not in the bill.

³ R.C. 128.07 and 128.08, not in the bill.

⁴ R.C. 128.03(A)(2), not in the bill.

⁵ R.C. 128.09.

⁶ Section 3.

