

AN ACT

To amend sections 7.10, 7.16, 109.57, 109.572, 109.71, 111.16, 121.22, 122.6511, 122.66, 122.70, 122.84, 125.182, 147.01, 147.011, 147.03, 147.032, 147.051, 147.07, 147.08, 147.141, 147.371, 147.51, 147.52, 147.53, 147.542, 147.591, 147.60, 147.99, 149.311, 149.43, 315.251, 319.203, 319.28, 323.78, 325.14, 349.01, 349.03, 349.14, 501.07, 503.162, 503.41, 504.02, 504.03, 504.12, 504.121, 504.122, 504.123, 504.124, 504.126, 504.21, 505.07, 505.10, 505.17, 505.26, 505.264, 505.28, 505.37, 505.373, 505.55, 505.73, 505.75, 505.76, 505.82, 505.86, 505.87, 505.871, 507.05, 511.03, 511.04, 511.12, 511.21, 515.01, 515.04, 517.07, 517.073, 517.12, 517.22, 519.06, 519.08, 519.09, 519.12, 519.15, 519.99, 521.03, 701.07, 727.011, 755.13, 971.12, 971.99, 1706.712, 1901.31, 2303.12, 2303.26, 2329.01, 2329.44, 2921.42, 3345.56, 3376.01, 3376.02, 3376.03, 3376.04, 3376.06, 3376.07, 3376.08, 3781.34, 3781.36, 4501.21, 4503.16, 4504.18, 4504.181, 4507.50, 4507.51, 4507.52, 4582.30, 4735.181, 4913.15, 4913.17, 4928.01, 4939.07, 5103.0310, 5103.0329, 5103.05, 5120.59, 5139.511, 5549.21, 5571.011, 5571.20, 5573.02, 5573.10, 5575.01, 5575.02, 5579.05, 5709.73, 5713.30, 5713.31, 5713.34, 5721.20, 5725.98, 5726.98, 5729.98, 5739.01, 5739.02, 5739.03, 5741.01, 5747.98, 5751.033, 6101.16, and 6101.44; to amend, for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in parentheses, sections 504.126 (504.125) and 3345.56 (3376.11); to enact new section 147.54 and sections 5.61, 109.7411, 147.49, 147.50, 305.021, 503.54, 511.51, 511.52, 511.53, 2151.46, 2151.461, 2151.462, 2151.463, 2151.464, 2151.465, 2151.466, 2151.467, 2151.468, 2151.469, 2151.4610, 3301.95, 3313.6414, 3376.09, 3376.10, 3376.12, 3376.13, 3781.361, 3792.07, 3902.63, 3902.64, 4503.541, 4503.888, 4735.80, 4743.06, 4905.301, 5103.052, 5103.053, 5103.054, 5103.055, 5103.056, 5103.057, 5103.058, 5103.0510, 5103.0512, 5103.0513, 5145.1611, 5180.40, 5725.38, 5726.61, 5729.21, 5741.072, 5747.86, and 6101.47; and to repeal sections 147.13, 147.14, 147.54, 147.541, 504.125, 511.01, 511.02, and 3376.05 of the Revised Code and to amend Section 223.20 of H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly to make various changes to township and other local and state government law, to name a portion of the act Madeline's Law, to name a portion of the act the Homebuyer Protection Act, and to make an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

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SECTION 1. That sections 7.10, 7.16, 109.57, 109.572, 109.71, 111.16, 121.22, 122.6511, 122.66, 122.70, 122.84, 125.182, 147.01, 147.011, 147.03, 147.032, 147.051, 147.07, 147.08, 147.141, 147.371, 147.51, 147.52, 147.53, 147.542, 147.591, 147.60, 147.99, 149.311, 149.43, 315.251, 319.203, 319.28, 323.78, 325.14, 349.01, 349.03, 349.14, 501.07, 503.162, 503.41, 504.02, 504.03, 504.12, 504.121, 504.122, 504.123, 504.124, 504.126, 504.21, 505.07, 505.10, 505.17, 505.26, 505.264, 505.28, 505.37, 505.373, 505.55, 505.73, 505.75, 505.76, 505.82, 505.86, 505.87, 505.871, 507.05, 511.03, 511.04, 511.12, 511.21, 515.01, 515.04, 517.07, 517.073, 517.12, 517.22, 519.06, 519.08, 519.09, 519.12, 519.15, 519.99, 521.03, 701.07, 727.011, 755.13, 971.12, 971.99, 1706.712, 1901.31, ^{2ms}2303.12, 2303.26, 2329.01, 2329.44, ^{2ms}2921.42, 3345.56, 3376.01, 3376.02, 3376.03, 3376.04, 3376.06, 3376.07, 3376.08, 3781.34, 3781.36, 4501.21, 4503.16, 4504.18, 4504.181, 4507.50, 4507.51, 4507.52, 4582.30, 4735.181, 4913.15, 4913.17, 4928.01, 4939.07, 5103.0310, 5103.0329, 5103.05, 5120.59, 5139.511, 5549.21, 5571.011, 5571.20, 5573.02, 5573.10, 5575.01, 5575.02, 5579.05, 5709.73, 5713.30, 5713.31, 5713.34, 5721.20, 5725.98, 5726.98, 5729.98, 5739.01, 5739.02, 5739.03, 5741.01, 5747.98, 5751.033, 6101.16, and 6101.44 be amended; sections 504.126 (504.125) and 3345.56 (3376.11) be amended for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in parentheses; and new section 147.54 and sections 5.61, 109.7411, 147.49, 147.50, 305.021, 503.54, 511.51, 511.52, 511.53, 2151.46, 2151.461, 2151.462, 2151.463, 2151.464, 2151.465, 2151.466, 2151.467, 2151.468, 2151.469, 2151.4610, 3301.95, 3313.6414, 3376.09, 3376.10, 3376.12, 3376.13, 3781.361, 3792.07, 3902.63, 3902.64, 4503.541, 4503.888, 4735.80, 4743.06, 4905.301, 5103.052, 5103.053, 5103.054, 5103.055, 5103.056, 5103.057, 5103.058, 5103.0510, 5103.0512, 5103.0513, 5145.1611, 5180.40, 5725.38, 5726.61, 5729.21, 5741.072, 5747.86, and 6101.47 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 5.61. The twenty-fourth day of August is designated as "Ukraine Independence Day" in Ohio, in recognition of that day in 1991 when the parliament of Ukraine, the Verkhovna Rada, formally declared an independent, sovereign, and democratic Ukrainian state.

Sec. 7.10. For the publication of advertisements, notices, and proclamations, except those relating to proposed amendments to the Ohio Constitution, required to be published by a public officer of the state, a benevolent or other public institution, a trustee, assignee, executor, or administrator, or by or in any court of record, except when the rate is otherwise fixed by law, publishers of newspapers may charge and receive for such advertisements, notices, and proclamations rates charged on annual contracts by them for a like amount of space to other advertisers who advertise in its general display advertising columns.

For the publication of advertisements, notices, or proclamations required to be published by a public officer of a county, municipal corporation, township, school, or other political subdivision, publishers of newspapers shall establish a government rate. The government rate shall not exceed the lowest classified advertising rate and lowest insert rate paid by other advertisers.

Legal advertising appearing in print, except that relating to proposed amendments to the

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copy of the agreement of merger.

~~(4)~~~~(5)~~ If the surviving entity is to be created pursuant to the merger:

(a) If it will be a limited liability company, the limited liability company's articles of organization;

(b) If it will be an entity other than a limited liability company, any organizational document that creates the entity that is required to be in a public record.

~~(5)~~~~(6)~~ If the surviving entity exists before the merger, any amendments provided for in the agreement of merger for the organizational document that created the entity that are in a public record;

~~(6)~~~~(7)~~ A statement as to each constituent entity that the merger was approved as required by the entity's governing statute;

~~(7)~~~~(8)~~ If the surviving entity is a foreign entity not authorized to transact business in this state, the street address of its statutory agent;

~~(8)~~~~(9)~~ Any additional information required by the governing statute of any constituent entity.

(C) Each constituent limited liability company shall deliver the certificate of merger for filing in the office of the secretary of state.

(D) A merger becomes effective under sections 1706.71 to 1706.74 of the Revised Code as follows:

(1) If the surviving entity is a limited liability company, upon the later of the following:

(a) Compliance with division (C) of this section;

(b) As specified in the certificate of merger.

(2) If the surviving entity is not a limited liability company, as provided by the governing statute of the surviving entity.

Sec. 1901.31. The clerk and deputy clerks of a municipal court shall be selected, be compensated, give bond, and have powers and duties as follows:

(A) There shall be a clerk of the court who is appointed or elected as follows:

(1)(a) Except in the Akron, Barberton, Toledo, Columbiana county, Hamilton county, Miami county, Montgomery county, Portage county, and Wayne county municipal courts and through December 31, 2008, the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, if the population of the territory equals or exceeds one hundred thousand at the regular municipal election immediately preceding the expiration of the term of the present clerk, the clerk shall be nominated and elected by the qualified electors of the territory in the manner that is provided for the nomination and election of judges in section 1901.07 of the Revised Code.

The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of six years, which term shall commence on the first day of January following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's successor is elected and qualified.

(b) In the Hamilton county municipal court, the clerk of courts of Hamilton county shall be

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the clerk of the municipal court and may appoint an assistant clerk who shall receive the compensation, payable out of the treasury of Hamilton county in semimonthly installments, that the board of county commissioners prescribes. The clerk of courts of Hamilton county, acting as the clerk of the Hamilton county municipal court and assuming the duties of that office, shall receive compensation at one-fourth the rate that is prescribed for the clerks of courts of common pleas as determined in accordance with the population of the county and the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised Code. This compensation shall be paid from the county treasury in semimonthly installments and is in addition to the annual compensation that is received for the performance of the duties of the clerk of courts of Hamilton county, as provided in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised Code.

(c) In the Portage county and Wayne county municipal courts, the clerks of courts of Portage county and Wayne county shall be the clerks, respectively, of the Portage county and Wayne county municipal courts and may appoint a chief deputy clerk for each branch that is established pursuant to section 1901.311 of the Revised Code and assistant clerks as the judges of the municipal court determine are necessary, all of whom shall receive the compensation that the legislative authority prescribes. The clerks of courts of Portage county and Wayne county, acting as the clerks of the Portage county and Wayne county municipal courts and assuming the duties of these offices, shall receive compensation payable from the county treasury in semimonthly installments at one-fourth the rate that is prescribed for the clerks of courts of common pleas as determined in accordance with the population of the county and the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised Code.

(d) In the Montgomery county and Miami county municipal courts, the clerks of courts of Montgomery county and Miami county shall be the clerks, respectively, of the Montgomery county and Miami county municipal courts. The clerks of courts of Montgomery county and Miami county, acting as the clerks of the Montgomery county and Miami county municipal courts and assuming the duties of these offices, shall receive compensation at one-fourth the rate that is prescribed for the clerks of courts of common pleas as determined in accordance with the population of the county and the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised Code. This compensation shall be paid from the county treasury in semimonthly installments and is in addition to the annual compensation that is received for the performance of the duties of the clerks of courts of Montgomery county and Miami county, as provided in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised Code.

(e) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(1)(e) of this section, in the Akron municipal court, candidates for election to the office of clerk of the court shall be nominated by primary election. The primary election shall be held on the day specified in the charter of the city of Akron for the nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, the declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan candidates and the nominating petitions of independent candidates for the office of clerk of the Akron

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municipal court shall be signed by at least fifty qualified electors of the territory of the court.

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code.

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed by any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular political party for election to the office of clerk of the Akron municipal court, a primary election shall not be held for the purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for election to that office. If only one person files a valid declaration of candidacy and petition for nomination as a candidate of a particular political party for election to that office, a primary election shall not be held for the purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for election to that office, and the candidate shall be issued a certificate of nomination in the manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the Revised Code.

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of clerk of the Akron municipal court shall contain a designation of the term for which the candidate seeks election. At the following regular municipal election, all candidates for the office shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the territory of the court in the manner that is provided in section 1901.07 of the Revised Code for the election of the judges of the court. The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of six years, which term shall commence on the first day of January following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's successor is elected and qualified.

(f) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(1)(f) of this section, in the Barberton municipal court, candidates for election to the office of clerk of the court shall be nominated by primary election. The primary election shall be held on the day specified in the charter of the city of Barberton for the nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, the declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan candidates and the nominating petitions of independent candidates for the office of clerk of the Barberton municipal court shall be signed by at least fifty qualified electors of the territory of the court.

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code.

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed by any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular political party for election to the office of clerk of the Barberton municipal court, a primary election shall not be held for the purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for

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election to that office. If only one person files a valid declaration of candidacy and petition for nomination as a candidate of a particular political party for election to that office, a primary election shall not be held for the purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for election to that office, and the candidate shall be issued a certificate of nomination in the manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the Revised Code.

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of clerk of the Barberton municipal court shall contain a designation of the term for which the candidate seeks election. At the following regular municipal election, all candidates for the office shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the territory of the court in the manner that is provided in section 1901.07 of the Revised Code for the election of the judges of the court. The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of six years, which term shall commence on the first day of January following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's successor is elected and qualified.

(g)(i) Through December 31, 2008, except as otherwise provided in division (A)(1)(g)(i) of this section, in the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, candidates for election to the office of clerk of the court shall be nominated by primary election. The primary election shall be held on the day specified in the charter of the city of Cuyahoga Falls for the nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, the declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan candidates and the nominating petitions of independent candidates for the office of clerk of the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court shall be signed by at least fifty qualified electors of the territory of the court.

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code.

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed by any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular political party for election to the office of clerk of the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, a primary election shall not be held for the purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for election to that office. If only one person files a valid declaration of candidacy and petition for nomination as a candidate of a particular political party for election to that office, a primary election shall not be held for the purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for election to that office, and the candidate shall be issued a certificate of nomination in the manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the Revised Code.

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of clerk of the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court shall contain a designation of the term for which the candidate seeks election. At the following regular municipal election, all candidates for the office shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the territory of the court in the manner

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that is provided in section 1901.07 of the Revised Code for the election of the judges of the court. The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of six years, which term shall commence on the first day of January following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's successor is elected and qualified.

(ii) Division (A)(1)(g)(i) of this section shall have no effect after December 31, 2008.

(h) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(1)(h) of this section, in the Toledo municipal court, candidates for election to the office of clerk of the court shall be nominated by primary election. The primary election shall be held on the day specified in the charter of the city of Toledo for the nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, the declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan candidates and the nominating petitions of independent candidates for the office of clerk of the Toledo municipal court shall be signed by at least fifty qualified electors of the territory of the court.

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code.

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed by any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular political party for election to the office of clerk of the Toledo municipal court, a primary election shall not be held for the purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for election to that office. If only one person files a valid declaration of candidacy and petition for nomination as a candidate of a particular political party for election to that office, a primary election shall not be held for the purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for election to that office, and the candidate shall be issued a certificate of nomination in the manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the Revised Code.

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of clerk of the Toledo municipal court shall contain a designation of the term for which the candidate seeks election. At the following regular municipal election, all candidates for the office shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the territory of the court in the manner that is provided in section 1901.07 of the Revised Code for the election of the judges of the court. The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of six years, which term shall commence on the first day of January following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's successor is elected and qualified.

(i) In the Columbiana county municipal court, the clerk of courts of Columbiana county shall be the clerk of the municipal court, may appoint a chief deputy clerk for each branch office that is established pursuant to section 1901.311 of the Revised Code, and may appoint any assistant clerks that the judges of the court determine are necessary. All of the chief deputy clerks shall receive the compensation that the legislative authority prescribes. The clerk of courts of

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Columbiana county, acting as the clerk of the Columbiana county municipal court and assuming the duties of that office, shall receive in either biweekly installments or semimonthly installments, as determined by the payroll administrator, compensation payable from the county treasury at one-fourth the rate that is prescribed for the clerks of courts of common pleas as determined in accordance with the population of the county and the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised Code.

(2)(a) Except for the Alliance, Auglaize county, Brown county, Holmes county, Perry county, Putnam county, Lima, Lorain, Massillon, and Youngstown municipal courts, in a municipal court for which the population of the territory is less than one hundred thousand, the clerk shall be appointed by the court, and the clerk shall hold office until the clerk's successor is appointed and qualified.

(b) In the Alliance, Lima, Lorain, Massillon, and Youngstown municipal courts, the clerk shall be elected for a term of office as described in division (A)(1)(a) of this section.

(c) In the Auglaize county, Brown county, Holmes county, Perry county, and Putnam county municipal courts, the clerks of courts of Auglaize county, Brown county, Holmes county, Perry county, and Putnam county shall be the clerks, respectively, of the Auglaize county, Brown county, Holmes county, Perry county, and Putnam county municipal courts and may appoint a chief deputy clerk for each branch office that is established pursuant to section 1901.311 of the Revised Code, and assistant clerks as the judge of the court determines are necessary, all of whom shall receive the compensation that the legislative authority prescribes. The clerks of courts of Auglaize county, Brown county, Holmes county, Perry county, and Putnam county, acting as the clerks of the Auglaize county, Brown county, Holmes county, Perry county, and Putnam county municipal courts and assuming the duties of these offices, shall receive compensation payable from the county treasury in semimonthly installments at one-fourth the rate that is prescribed for the clerks of courts of common pleas as determined in accordance with the population of the county and the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised Code.

(3) During the temporary absence of the clerk due to illness, vacation, or other proper cause, the court may appoint a temporary clerk, who shall be paid the same compensation, have the same authority, and perform the same duties as the clerk.

(B) Except in the Hamilton county, Montgomery county, Miami county, Portage county, and Wayne county municipal courts, if a vacancy occurs in the office of the clerk of the Alliance, Lima, Lorain, Massillon, or Youngstown municipal court or occurs in the office of the clerk of a municipal court for which the population of the territory equals or exceeds one hundred thousand because the clerk ceases to hold the office before the end of the clerk's term or because a clerk-elect fails to take office, the vacancy shall be filled, until a successor is elected and qualified, by a person chosen by the residents of the territory of the court who are members of the county central committee of the political party by which the last occupant of that office or the clerk-elect was nominated. Not less than five nor more than fifteen days after a vacancy occurs, those members of that county central

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committee shall meet to make an appointment to fill the vacancy. At least four days before the date of the meeting, the chairperson or a secretary of the county central committee shall notify each such member of that county central committee by first class mail of the date, time, and place of the meeting and its purpose. A majority of all such members of that county central committee constitutes a quorum, and a majority of the quorum is required to make the appointment. If the office so vacated was occupied or was to be occupied by a person not nominated at a primary election, or if the appointment was not made by the committee members in accordance with this division, the court shall make an appointment to fill the vacancy. A successor shall be elected to fill the office for the unexpired term at the first municipal election that is held more than one hundred thirty-five days after the vacancy occurred.

(C)(1) In a municipal court, other than the Auglaize county, the Brown county, the Holmes county, the Perry county, the Putnam county, and the Lorain municipal courts, for which the population of the territory is less than one hundred thousand, the clerk of the municipal court shall receive the annual compensation that the presiding judge of the court prescribes, if the revenue of the court for the preceding calendar year, as certified by the auditor or chief fiscal officer of the municipal corporation in which the court is located or, in the case of a county-operated municipal court, the county auditor, is equal to or greater than the expenditures, including any debt charges, for the operation of the court payable under this chapter from the city treasury or, in the case of a county-operated municipal court, the county treasury for that calendar year, as also certified by the auditor or chief fiscal officer. If the revenue of a municipal court, other than the Auglaize county, the Brown county, the Columbiana county, the Perry county, the Putnam county, and the Lorain municipal courts, for which the population of the territory is less than one hundred thousand for the preceding calendar year as so certified is not equal to or greater than those expenditures for the operation of the court for that calendar year as so certified, the clerk of a municipal court shall receive the annual compensation that the legislative authority prescribes. As used in this division, "revenue" means the total of all costs and fees that are collected and paid to the city treasury or, in a county-operated municipal court, the county treasury by the clerk of the municipal court under division (F) of this section and all interest received and paid to the city treasury or, in a county-operated municipal court, the county treasury in relation to the costs and fees under division (G) of this section.

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(2) In a municipal court, other than the Columbiana county, Hamilton county, Montgomery county, Miami county, Portage county, and Wayne county municipal courts, for which the population of the territory is one hundred thousand or more, and in the Lorain municipal court, the clerk of the municipal court shall receive annual compensation in a sum equal to eighty-five per cent of the salary of a judge of the court.

(3) The compensation of a clerk described in division (C)(1) or (2) of this section and of the clerk of the Columbiana county municipal court is payable in either semimonthly installments or biweekly installments, as determined by the payroll administrator, from the same sources and in the

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same manner as provided in section 1901.11 of the Revised Code, except that the compensation of the clerk of the Carroll county municipal court is payable in biweekly installments.

(D) Before entering upon the duties of the clerk's office, the clerk of a municipal court shall give bond of not less than six thousand dollars to be determined by the judges of the court, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the clerk's duties.

~~(E)~~(E)(1) The clerk of a municipal court may do all of the following: administer oaths, take affidavits, and issue executions upon any judgment rendered in the court, including a judgment for unpaid costs; issue, sign, and attach the seal of the court to all writs, process, subpoenas, and papers issuing out of the court; and approve all bonds, sureties, recognizances, and undertakings fixed by any judge of the court or by law. The clerk may refuse to accept for filing any pleading or paper submitted for filing by a person who has been found to be a vexatious litigator under section 2323.52 of the Revised Code and who has failed to obtain leave to proceed under that section. The clerk shall do all of the following: file and safely keep all journals, records, books, and papers belonging or appertaining to the court; record the proceedings of the court; ~~perform all other duties that the judges of the court may prescribe;~~ and keep a book showing all receipts and disbursements, which book shall be open for public inspection at all times.

(2) The clerk shall prepare and maintain a general index, a docket, and other records that the court, by rule, requires, all of which shall be the public records of the court. In the docket, the clerk shall enter, at the time of the commencement of an action, the names of the parties in full, the names of the counsel, and the nature of the proceedings. Under proper dates, the clerk shall note the filing of the complaint, issuing of summons or other process, returns, and any subsequent pleadings. The clerk also shall enter all reports, verdicts, orders, judgments, and proceedings of the court, clearly specifying the relief granted or orders made in each action. The court may order an extended record of any of the above to be made and entered, under the proper action heading, upon the docket at the request of any party to the case, the expense of which record may be taxed as costs in the case or may be required to be prepaid by the party demanding the record, upon order of the court.

(3) In furtherance of the performance of the duties enjoined upon the clerk by statute, common law, and the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio, an elected clerk of a municipal court is responsible for determining the best means and methods for storing, maintaining, and retrieving all papers delivered to the clerk, whether delivered in writing or in electronic form, in compliance with Rule 26 of the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio. Once determined, the elected clerk of the municipal court is responsible for implementing the means and methods for storage, maintenance, and retrieval.

(4) In the performance of official duties, an appointed clerk of a municipal court is under the direction of the court.

(F) The clerk of a municipal court shall receive, collect, and issue receipts for all costs, fees, fines, bail, and other moneys payable to the office or to any officer of the court. The clerk shall on or before the twentieth day of the month following the month in which they are collected disburse to

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the proper persons or officers, and take receipts for, all costs, fees, fines, bail, and other moneys that the clerk collects. Subject to sections 307.515 and 4511.193 of the Revised Code and to any other section of the Revised Code that requires a specific manner of disbursement of any moneys received by a municipal court and except for the Hamilton county, Lawrence county, and Ottawa county municipal courts, the clerk shall pay all fines received for violation of municipal ordinances into the treasury of the municipal corporation the ordinance of which was violated and shall pay all fines received for violation of township resolutions adopted pursuant to section 503.52 or 503.53 or Chapter 504. of the Revised Code into the treasury of the township the resolution of which was violated. Subject to sections 1901.024 and 4511.193 of the Revised Code, in the Hamilton county, Lawrence county, and Ottawa county municipal courts, the clerk shall pay fifty per cent of the fines received for violation of municipal ordinances and fifty per cent of the fines received for violation of township resolutions adopted pursuant to section 503.52 or 503.53 or Chapter 504. of the Revised Code into the treasury of the county. Subject to sections 307.515, 4511.19, and 5503.04 of the Revised Code and to any other section of the Revised Code that requires a specific manner of disbursement of any moneys received by a municipal court, the clerk shall pay all fines collected for the violation of state laws into the county treasury. Except in a county-operated municipal court, the clerk shall pay all costs and fees the disbursement of which is not otherwise provided for in the Revised Code into the city treasury. The clerk of a county-operated municipal court shall pay the costs and fees the disbursement of which is not otherwise provided for in the Revised Code into the county treasury. Moneys deposited as security for costs shall be retained pending the litigation. The clerk shall keep a separate account of all receipts and disbursements in civil and criminal cases, which shall be a permanent public record of the office. On the expiration of the term of the clerk, the clerk shall deliver the records to the clerk's successor. ~~The clerk shall have other powers and duties as are prescribed by rule or order of the court.~~

(G) All moneys paid into a municipal court shall be noted on the record of the case in which they are paid and shall be deposited in a state or national bank, as defined in section 1101.01 of the Revised Code, that is selected by the clerk. Any interest received upon the deposits shall be paid into the city treasury, except that, in a county-operated municipal court, the interest shall be paid into the treasury of the county in which the court is located.

On the first Monday in January of each year, the clerk shall make a list of the titles of all cases in the court that were finally determined more than one year past in which there remains unclaimed in the possession of the clerk any funds, or any part of a deposit for security of costs not consumed by the costs in the case. The clerk shall give notice of the moneys to the parties who are entitled to the moneys or to their attorneys of record. All the moneys remaining unclaimed that are for restitution payments for crime victims shall be sent to the reparations fund created under section 2743.191 of the Revised Code, with a list from the clerk or other officer responsible for the collection and distribution of restitution payments specifying the amounts and individual identifying information of the funds. All other moneys remaining unclaimed on the first day of April of each

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year shall be paid by the clerk to the city treasurer, except that, in a county-operated municipal court, the moneys shall be paid to the treasurer of the county in which the court is located. The treasurer shall pay any part of the moneys at any time to the person who has the right to the moneys upon proper certification of the clerk.

(H) Deputy clerks of a municipal court other than the Carroll county municipal court may be appointed by the clerk and shall receive the compensation, payable in either biweekly installments or semimonthly installments, as determined by the payroll administrator, out of the city treasury, that the clerk may prescribe, except that the compensation of any deputy clerk of a county-operated municipal court shall be paid out of the treasury of the county in which the court is located. The judge of the Carroll county municipal court may appoint deputy clerks for the court, and the deputy clerks shall receive the compensation, payable in biweekly installments out of the county treasury, that the judge may prescribe. Each deputy clerk shall take an oath of office before entering upon the duties of the deputy clerk's office and, when so qualified, may perform the duties appertaining to the office of the clerk. The clerk may require any of the deputy clerks to give bond of not less than three thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of the deputy clerk's duties.

(I) For the purposes of this section, whenever the population of the territory of a municipal court falls below one hundred thousand but not below ninety thousand, and the population of the territory prior to the most recent regular federal census exceeded one hundred thousand, the legislative authority of the municipal corporation may declare, by resolution, that the territory shall be considered to have a population of at least one hundred thousand.

(J) The clerk or a deputy clerk shall be in attendance at all sessions of the municipal court, although not necessarily in the courtroom, and may administer oaths to witnesses and jurors and receive verdicts.

Sec. 2151.46. As used in sections 2151.46 to 2151.4610 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Community organization" means an organization that provides services, including recreation, mental health care, and academic support, for a child placed in foster care.

(B) "Emergency department" includes a hospital emergency department and freestanding emergency department.

(C) "Freestanding emergency department" has the same meaning as in section 3727.49 of the Revised Code.

(D) "First responder" means an EMT, EMT-basic, AEMT, EMT-I, paramedic, firefighter, or volunteer firefighter.

(E) "Law enforcement officer" means a sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, police officer of a township or joint police district, marshal, deputy marshal, municipal police officer, or state highway patrol trooper.

(F) "Residential facility" has the same meaning as in section 5103.05 of the Revised Code, except that it applies only to a residential facility that is operated by a public children services agency, private child placing agency, private noncustodial agency, or superintendent of a county or

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establish guidelines for reviewing the placement of a child under this section, including review criteria, circumstances that would require a change in the placement of the child, and a timeline for conducting review and taking appropriate action.

Sec. 2151.469. Each public children services agency and private child placing agency shall establish a twenty-four-hour emergency on-call procedure to respond to contact from emergency departments, hospitals, law enforcement officers, and first responders regarding emergencies involving a child in the agency's custody.

Sec. 2151.4610. (A) The operator of a residential facility shall notify a public children services agency or private child placing agency with custody of a child of any service that a community organization provides or seeks to provide to a child under the care and supervision of the residential facility. All services that a community organization provides to a child under this section shall receive prior approval from the public children services agency or private child placing agency with custody of the child.

(B) A public children services agency or private child placing agency with custody of a child shall document in the child's case plan any service that a community organization provides to a child under the care and supervision of a residential facility.

Sec. 2303.12. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Case file" means the compendium of original documents filed in a civil action or proceeding in the court of common pleas, including the pleadings, motions, orders, and judgments of the court on a case by case basis.

(2) "General docket" means the appearance docket, trial docket, journal, execution docket, and case files in relation to those dockets and journal.

~~(B)(B)(1)~~ The clerk of the court of common pleas shall keep records as indicated by the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio and subject to division (B)(2) of this section. They shall be called the appearance docket, trial docket and printed duplicates of the trial docket for the use of the court and the officers thereof, journal, and execution docket. The clerk shall also keep a record in book form or the clerk may prepare a record by using any photostatic, photographic, miniature photographic, film, microfilm, or microphotographic process, electrostatic process, perforated tape, magnetic tape, or other electromagnetic means, electronic data processing, machine readable media, graphic or video display, or any combination thereof, which correctly and accurately copies or reproduces every case file and other original document, paper, or instrument in writing. The clerk shall keep an index to the trial docket and to the printed duplicates of the trial docket and of the journal direct, and to the appearance docket, record, and execution docket, direct and reverse. All clerks keeping records and information by the methods described in this section shall keep and make readily available to the public the machine and equipment necessary to reproduce the records and information in a readable form.

(2)(a) In furtherance of the performance of the duties enjoined upon the clerk by statute, common law, and the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio, an elected clerk of the court

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of common pleas is responsible for determining the best means and methods for storing, maintaining, and retrieving all papers delivered to the clerk, whether delivered in writing or in electronic form, in compliance with Rule 26 of the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio. Once determined, the elected clerk of the court of common pleas is responsible for implementing the means and methods for storage, maintenance, and retrieval.

(b) In a court in which the clerk of the court of common pleas is appointed in a charter county, the clerk shall perform the duties pursuant to the county charter.

(C) The clerk of the court of common pleas shall keep confidential information that is subject to a real property confidentiality notice under section 111.431 of the Revised Code, in accordance with that section.

(D)(1) Subject to division (D)(2) of this section, not later than eighteen months after ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ April 6, 2023, the clerk of court shall make available online on the clerk of court's web site the general docket of the court for remote access and printing by the public of the information in that docket, including all individual documents in each case file, pertaining to civil cases filed on or after ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ April 6, 2023.

(2) The clerk of court is not required to make available online under division (D)(1) of this section either of the following:

(a) The general docket of the division of domestic relations, the juvenile court, or the probate court;

(b) If the court does not have a division of domestic relations, the general docket in civil cases pertaining to domestic relations.

(E) Nothing in division (D) of this section shall be construed as making available online any of the following:

(1) Internal documents such as notes, emails, drafts, recommendations, advice, or research of judicial officers and court staff;

(2) Any document or any information in a case file the public access to which the court has ordered restricted under the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio.

Sec. 2303.26. The clerk of the court of common pleas shall exercise the powers conferred and perform the duties enjoined upon the clerk by statute and by the common law; ~~and in the performance of official duties the clerk shall be under the direction of the court.~~ The clerk shall not restrict, prohibit, or otherwise modify the rights of parties to seek service on party defendants allowed by the Rules of Civil Procedure, either singularly or concurrently.

Sec. 2329.01. (A) Lands and tenements, including vested legal interests therein, permanent leasehold estates renewable forever, and goods and chattels, not exempt by law, shall be subject to the payment of debts, and liable to be taken on execution and sold as provided in sections 2329.02 to 2329.61 of the Revised Code.

(B) As used in sections 2329.02 to 2329.61 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Commercial property" means any property that is not residential property.

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(d) If the balance remains unclaimed for ninety days following the first date of last mailing, publication, posting, or text message required under division (A)(1)(a), (b), or (c) of this section, the clerk shall dispose of the balance in the same manner as unclaimed money is disposed of under sections 2335.34 and 2335.35 of the Revised Code.

(2)(2)(a) If the balance is less than one-five hundred dollars, send to the judgment debtor whose property was the subject of the sale a notice that indicates the amount of the balance, informs the judgment debtor that the judgment debtor is entitled to receive the balance, and sets forth the procedure that the judgment debtor is required to follow to obtain the balance. This notice shall be sent to the judgment debtor at in the following manner:

(i) At the address of the judgment debtor in the caption on the judgment or at any different address the judgment debtor may have provided, by ordinary mail;

(ii) If the address of the judgment debtor is not known, the clerk shall notify the judgment debtor in the same manner prescribed by division (A)(1)(a)(iii) of this section.

(iii) If the name of the judgment debtor is not known, but the address of the judgment debtor is known, the clerk shall notify the judgment debtor in the manner prescribed by either division (A)(2)(a)(i) or (A)(1)(a)(iii) of this section.

(b) If the balance remains unclaimed for ninety days following the date of the last mailing, publication, posting, or text message required by division (A)(2)(a) of this section, the clerk shall dispose of the balance in the same manner as unclaimed money is disposed of under sections 2335.34 and 2335.35 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) Subject to division (B)(2) of this section, the clerk of the court that issued the writ of execution, on demand and whether or not the notice required by division (A)(1) or (2) of this section is provided as prescribed, shall pay the balance to the judgment debtor or the judgment debtor's legal representatives.

(2) The clerk of the court that issued the writ of execution is not required to pay the balance to the judgment debtor or the judgment debtor's legal representatives pursuant to division (B)(1) of this section until the judgment debtor or the legal representatives pay to the clerk the actual costs incurred in the provision of the notice required by division (A)(1) or (2) of this section.

Sec. 2921.42. (A) No public official shall knowingly do any of the following:

(1) Authorize, or employ the authority or influence of the public official's office to secure authorization of any public contract in which the public official, a member of the public official's family, or any of the public official's business associates has an interest;

(2) Authorize, or employ the authority or influence of the public official's office to secure the investment of public funds in any share, bond, mortgage, or other security, with respect to which the public official, a member of the public official's family, or any of the public official's business associates either has an interest, is an underwriter, or receives any brokerage, origination, or servicing fees;

(3) During the public official's term of office or within one year

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position of profit in the prosecution of a public contract authorized by the public official or by a legislative body, commission, or board of which the public official was a member at the time of authorization, unless the contract was let by competitive bidding to the lowest and best bidder;

(4) Have an interest in the profits or benefits of a public contract entered into by or for the use of the political subdivision or governmental agency or instrumentality with which the public official is connected;

(5) Have an interest in the profits or benefits of a public contract that is not let by competitive bidding if required by law and that involves more than one hundred fifty dollars.

(B) In the absence of bribery or a purpose to defraud, a public official, member of a public official's family, or any of a public official's business associates shall not be considered as having an interest in a public contract or the investment of public funds, if all of the following apply:

(1) The interest of that person is limited to owning or controlling shares of the corporation, or being a creditor of the corporation or other organization, that is the contractor on the public contract involved, or that is the issuer of the security in which public funds are invested;

(2) The shares owned or controlled by that person do not exceed five per cent of the outstanding shares of the corporation, and the amount due that person as creditor does not exceed five per cent of the total indebtedness of the corporation or other organization;

(3) That person, prior to the time the public contract is entered into, files with the political subdivision or governmental agency or instrumentality involved, an affidavit giving that person's exact status in connection with the corporation or other organization.

(C) This section does not apply to a public contract in which a public official, member of a public official's family, or one of a public official's business associates has an interest, when all of the following apply:

(1) The subject of the public contract is necessary supplies or services for the political subdivision or governmental agency or instrumentality involved;

(2) The supplies or services are unobtainable elsewhere for the same or lower cost, or are being furnished to the political subdivision or governmental agency or instrumentality as part of a continuing course of dealing established prior to the public official's becoming associated with the political subdivision or governmental agency or instrumentality involved;

(3) The treatment accorded the political subdivision or governmental agency or instrumentality is either preferential to or the same as that accorded other customers or clients in similar transactions;

(4) The entire transaction is conducted at arm's length, with full knowledge by the political subdivision or governmental agency or instrumentality involved, of the interest of the public official, member of the public official's family, or business associate, and the public official takes no part in the deliberations or decision of the political subdivision or governmental agency or instrumentality with respect to the public contract.

(D) Division (A)(4) of this section does not prohibit participation by ~~disapproved~~ public employee in

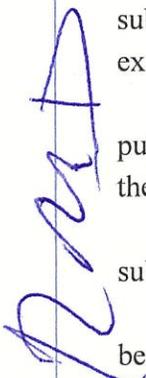
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any housing program funded by public moneys if the public employee otherwise qualifies for the program and does not use the authority or influence of the public employee's office or employment to secure benefits from the program and if the moneys are to be used on the primary residence of the public employee. Such participation does not constitute an unlawful interest in a public contract in violation of this section.

(E) Whoever violates this section is guilty of having an unlawful interest in a public contract. Violation of division (A)(1) or (2) of this section is a felony of the fourth degree. Violation of division (A)(3), (4), or (5) of this section is a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(F) It is not a violation of this section for a prosecuting attorney to appoint assistants and employees in accordance with sections 309.06 and 2921.421 of the Revised Code, for a chief legal officer of a municipal corporation or an official designated as prosecutor in a municipal corporation to appoint assistants and employees in accordance with sections 733.621 and 2921.421 of the Revised Code, or for a township law director appointed under section 504.15 of the Revised Code to appoint assistants and employees in accordance with sections 504.151 and 2921.421 of the Revised Code.

(G) This section does not apply to a public contract in which a township trustee in a township with a population of five thousand or less in its unincorporated area, a member of the township trustee's family, or one of the township trustee's business associates has an interest, if all of the following apply:

- (1) The subject of the public contract is necessary supplies or services for the township and the amount of the contract is less than five thousand dollars per year;
- (2) The supplies or services are being furnished to the township as part of a continuing course of dealing established before the township trustee held that office with the township;
- (3) The treatment accorded the township is either preferential to or the same as that accorded other customers or clients in similar transactions;
- (4) The entire transaction is conducted with full knowledge by the township of the interest of the township trustee, member of the township trustee's family, or the township trustee's business associate.

(H) This section does not apply to a public contract in which a mayor or other executive officer of a village, a member of the mayor or other executive officer's family, or one of the mayor or other executive officer's business associates has an interest, if all of the following apply:

- (1) The mayor or other executive officer has no role in deciding whether to approve the contract and does not cast a vote as a member of the village legislative authority or directly engage voting members of the village legislative authority to secure approval of the contract.
- (2) The treatment accorded the village or agency or instrumentality of the village is either preferential to or the same as that accorded other customers or clients in similar transactions.
- (3) The entire transaction, including the approval and awarding of the contract, is conducted with full knowledge by the village legislative authority or other contracting authority of the interest

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of the mayor or other executive officer, member of the mayor or other executive officer's family, or the mayor or other executive officer's business associate.

(I) Any public contract in which a public official, a member of the public official's family, or any of the public official's business associates has an interest in violation of this section is void and unenforceable. Any contract securing the investment of public funds in which a public official, a member of the public official's family, or any of the public official's business associates has an interest, is an underwriter, or receives any brokerage, origination, or servicing fees and that was entered into in violation of this section is void and unenforceable.

~~(I)-(J)~~ As used in this section:

(1) "Public contract" means any of the following:

(a) The purchase or acquisition, or a contract for the purchase or acquisition, of property or services by or for the use of the state, any of its political subdivisions, or any agency or instrumentality of either, including the employment of an individual by the state, any of its political subdivisions, or any agency or instrumentality of either;

(b) A contract for the design, construction, alteration, repair, or maintenance of any public property.

(2) "Chief legal officer" has the same meaning as in section 733.621 of the Revised Code.

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Sec. 3301.95. On at least an annual basis, the department of education and workforce shall provide all school districts with best practices to help ensure the educational stability of students who are in the custody of a public children services agency or private child placing agency.

Sec. 3313.6414. A school district in which a foster child is enrolled after being placed in a residential facility, as defined in section 2151.46 of the Revised Code, shall assess the needs of the child for appropriate services and interventions. To avoid duplicative assessments and minimize any negative impact on the child, the school district shall utilize all available existing assessments regarding the child. The school district shall use the results of its assessment to make recommendations to the public children services agency or private child placing agency with custody of the child.

The school district shall make recommendations for services and interventions for the child based on its assessment and, to the extent permitted by state and federal law, share the recommendations with the public children services agency or private child placing agency with custody of the child and the residential facility.

Sec. 3376.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Athlete agent" means an individual who holds a current and valid certificate of registration issued under section 4771.08 of the Revised Code or certificate of convenience issued under section 4771.09 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Institutional marketing associate" means any third-party entity that enters into a contract with, or otherwise acts on behalf of, a state institution of higher education, private college, or an institution's or college's intercollegiate athletics department. "Institutional marketing associate" does

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(3) Provide additional research, data, and industry information when requested by the underground technical committee.

(B) The nonvoting advisory member shall not vote on any underground technical committee action under Chapter 4913. of the Revised Code.

(C) The nonvoting advisory member shall not be included as a member of the underground technical committee for purposes of calculating the number of votes necessary to take committee action under Chapter 4913. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3792.07. (A) As used in this section:

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(1) "Health-related licensing board" has the same meaning as in section 3719.062 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Hospital" has the same meaning as in section 3722.01 of the Revised Code and includes a hospital owned or operated by the United States department of veterans affairs.

(3) "Inpatient facility" means either or both of the following:

(a) A skilled nursing facility as defined in section 5165.01 of the Revised Code;

(b) A freestanding inpatient rehabilitation facility licensed under section 3702.30 of the Revised Code.

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(4) "Patient's personal representative" has the same meaning as in section 3701.74 of the Revised Code.

(5) "Pharmacist" means an individual who holds a license issued under section 4729.08 of the Revised Code authorizing the individual to practice pharmacy.

(6) "Political subdivision" means a county, township, municipal corporation, school district, or other body corporate and politic responsible for governmental activities in a geographic area smaller than that of the state. "Political subdivision" also includes a board of health of a city or general health district.

(7) "Prescriber" has the same meaning as in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code.

(8) "Public official" means any officer, employee, or duly authorized agent or representative of a state agency or political subdivision.

(9) "State agency" means any organized agency, board, body, commission, department, institution, office, or other entity established by the laws of the state for the exercise of any function of state government. "State agency" does not include a court.

(B) A health-related licensing board, department of health, state board of pharmacy, or other state board or agency responsible for the licensure or regulation of health care professionals shall neither infringe on medical free speech nor pursue, or threaten to pursue, an administrative or disciplinary action against a prescriber, pharmacist, or other licensed health care professional or hospital or inpatient facility for publicly or privately expressing a medical opinion that does not align with the opinions of the board or agency, a board of health of a city or general health district, the department of health, or other health authority.

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(C) The world health organization has no jurisdiction in this state. Therefore, no political
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(E) No money in a charitable trust or social welfare trust established under this section and no money received by a charitable or social welfare trust from a conservancy district that includes all or parts of more than sixteen counties under this section and section 6101.44 of the Revised Code shall be considered public moneys under sections 135.01 to 135.21 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 2. That existing sections 7.10, 7.16, 109.57, 109.572, 109.71, 111.16, 121.22, 122.6511, 122.66, 122.70, 122.84, 125.182, 147.01, 147.011, 147.03, 147.032, 147.051, 147.07, 147.08, 147.141, 147.371, 147.51, 147.52, 147.53, 147.542, 147.591, 147.60, 147.99, 149.311, 149.43, 315.251, 319.203, 319.28, 323.78, 325.14, 349.01, 349.03, 349.14, 501.07, 503.162, 503.41, 504.02, 504.03, 504.12, 504.121, 504.122, 504.123, 504.124, 504.126, 504.21, 505.07, 505.10, 505.17, 505.26, 505.264, 505.28, 505.37, 505.373, 505.55, 505.73, 505.75, 505.76, 505.82, 505.86, 505.87, 505.871, 507.05, 511.03, 511.04, 511.12, 511.21, 515.01, 515.04, 517.07, 517.073, 517.12, 517.22, 519.06, 519.08, 519.09, 519.12, 519.15, 519.99, 521.03, 701.07, 707.011, 755.13, 971.12, 971.99, 1706.712, 1901.31, 2303.12, 2303.26, 2329.01, 2329.44, 2921.42, 3345.56, 3376.01, 3376.02, 3376.03, 3376.04, 3376.06, 3376.07, 3376.08, 3781.34, 3781.36, 4501.21, 4503.16, 4504.18, 4504.181, 4507.50, 4507.51, 4507.52, 4582.30, 4735.181, 4913.15, 4913.17, 4928.01, 4939.07, 5103.0310, 5103.0329, 5103.05, 5120.59, 5139.511, 5549.21, 5571.011, 5571.20, 5573.02, 5573.10, 5575.01, 5575.02, 5579.05, 5709.73, 5713.30, 5713.31, 5713.34, 5721.20, 5725.98, 5726.98, 5729.98, 5739.01, 5739.02, 5739.03, 5741.01, 5747.98, 5751.033, 6101.16, and 6101.44 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. That sections 147.13, 147.14, 147.54, 147.541, 504.125, 511.01, 511.02, and 3376.05 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. The amendment by this act of section 122.6511 of the Revised Code takes effect July 1, 2025.

SECTION 5. All items in this act are hereby appropriated as designated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the credit of the designated fund. For all operating appropriations made in this act, those in the first column are for fiscal year 2024 and those in the second column are for fiscal year 2025. The operating appropriations made in this act are in addition to any other operating appropriations made for these fiscal years.

SECTION 6.

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SECTION 12. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, finds that the following sections, presented in this act as composites of the sections as amended by the acts indicated, are the resulting versions of the sections in effect prior to the effective date of the sections as presented in this act:

Section 147.01 of the Revised Code as amended by both H.B. 567 and S.B. 131 of the 134th General Assembly.

Section 121.22 of the Revised Code as amended by both H.B. 45 and H.B. 254 of the 134th General Assembly.

Section 315.251 of the Revised Code as amended by both S.B. 262 and S.B. 287 of the 121st General Assembly.

Section 1901.31 of the Revised Code as amended by both H.B. 33 and S.B. 21 of the 135th General Assembly.

Section 505.75 of the Revised Code as amended by both H.B. 175 and S.B. 115 of the 125th General Assembly.

Section 971.07 (971.12) of the Revised Code as amended and renumbered by H.B. 323 and as amended by S.B. 268, both of the 127th General Assembly.

SECTION 13. The amendment by this act of sections 5713.30, 5713.31, and 5713.34 of the Revised Code applies to tax year 2023 and each tax year thereafter.

Notwithstanding section 5713.31 of the Revised Code, all of the following apply:

(A) A property owner whose land was not valued for real property tax purposes at its current value for agricultural use for tax year 2023 or 2024 may apply to the county auditor to have the land so valued for either or both tax years in accordance with the amendments by this act of sections 5713.30, 5713.31, and 5731.34 of the Revised Code. The owner shall submit the application within sixty days after the effective date of this section.

(B) The county auditor shall approve or deny that application within thirty days after receiving it. If the application is approved, the auditor shall refund to the taxpayer any taxes overpaid with respect to such land for those tax years, in the same manner as refunds of overpayments described in section 5715.22 of the Revised Code. If the auditor levied a charge related to the conversion of such land for those tax years under section 5713.34 and 5713.35 of the Revised Code, the auditor shall remove the charge from the tax list and refund to the taxpayer any charge paid in that manner.

(C) If a person believes that an application submitted under this section has been improperly denied or that the auditor refunded less than that to which the person is entitled, the person may file an appeal with the county board of revision not later than thirty days after the date the county auditor approves or denies that application.

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