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Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments

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Senate Local Government Committee

- Specifies that a petition, which is filed with the board of elections for the dissolution of a village, is only valid if it is filed during an even-numbered year on or after July 1, and at least 90 days before the next general election.
- Specifies that if the general election that determined the date the dissolution is effective also included an election for an office in which the office holder is designated as a member of the Transition Supervisory Board, the individual declared as elected to the office must serve on the Board.
- Prohibits an individual who is a resident of the dissolved village from serving on the Board and requires such an individual who is designated as a Board member to designate a suitable replacement to serve on the Board.
- Specifies that revenue received by a township must be deposited into the township general fund.
- Requires the Geauga County prosecuting attorney to prosecute all violations of state law arising within the unincorporated areas of Geauga County.
- Increases the village competitive bidding threshold amount from \$50,000 to \$75,000 (the \$75,000 amount will increase by 3% each year starting in 2025).
- Modifies the eligibility requirements for the issuance of an F-9 liquor permit.
- Modifies Opened Container Law with respect to the F-9 liquor permit.
- Reduces the maximum rate of a special lodging tax Ashtabula County is authorized to levy from 3.5% to 2%.
- Requires the county to use all of the revenue from that special lodging tax to fund the operations and maintenance of detention facilities instead of a convention center.
- Requires boards of elections and the Secretary of State to transmit election results, including those of county court judge and municipal court judge, to the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court by email or other telecommunication device.

- Requires election results on the Governor, members of Congress, and others to be emailed to the Senate President, rather than mailed.

Senate Finance Committee

Village dissolution

- Allows the question of dissolution to be placed on the ballot only at a general election held in an even-numbered year.
- Modifies the process for winding up the affairs of a dissolved village by doing the following:
 - Requires a Transition Supervisory Board to be established and requires the Board to supervise the various aspects of the transition.
 - Requires the appointment of a receiver-trustee to perform certain duties including the collection of taxes, resolution of debts, distribution of property, continuity of utility services, handling of public records requests, and other matters.
 - Requires former village officials to assist the Board.

Geauga County prosecuting attorney

- Requires the Geauga County prosecuting attorney to prosecute all violations of state law arising within the unincorporated areas of Geauga County.

Competitive bidding

- Increases the competitive bidding threshold amount to \$75,000 for villages and park districts.

F-9 liquor permits

- Modifies the eligibility requirements for the issuance of an F-9 permit as follows:
 - Expands the eligible applicants to include a nonprofit that provides or manages entertainment programming at a municipal park pursuant to an agreement with the municipal corporation that owns the park;
 - Eliminates a requirement that park property that is the subject of an F-9 permit be located in Franklin County and be the subject of an agreement between various entities for the hosting of art or music performances.
- Allows a person to possess an opened container of beer or intoxicating liquor that has been lawfully purchased for on-premises consumption from an F-9 permit holder.
- Continues to allow a person to possess on an F-9 permit premises a container of beer or intoxicating liquor that was not purchased from an F-9 permit holder with the permission of the permit holder, but eliminates qualifications that only allow a person to do so if certain conditions apply, including attending a free art or music performance.

Large Settlements and Awards Fund

- Creates a Large Settlements and Awards Fund and directs the proceeds of any court order, judgment, settlement, or compromise exceeding \$5 million to the fund.

Treasurer of State

- Specifies that certain records related to the linked deposit programs from the Treasurer of State and participating financial institutions are not subject to Public Records Law.
- Specifies the termination date for public depositories designated on or around July 4, 2022, is on the day before the first Monday of July 2025.

Primary and secondary education

- Increases the minimum state share percentage for joint vocational school districts (JVSDs) from 5% to 10% for FY 2024 and FY 2025.
- Qualifies a child for the Autism Scholarship Program if, in addition to other requirements, the child is eligible to enter school in any of grades preschool through 12 during the school year in which a scholarship is first sought.
- Clarifies that projects that receive conditional approval during 2023 are subject to the 16-month time period during which voters must approve bonds and tax levies for a project granted conditional approval from the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission.
- Continues a school district's or community school's authority to employ an educator to teach outside of the educator's designated grade band beyond December 29, 2023.
- Clarifies that the State Board of Education, rather than the Department of Education and Workforce, is responsible for criminal records checks and RAPBACK enrollment of holder of pre-service teaching permits.
- Requires the Department, rather than the State Board, to adopt and as necessary update reading competencies for all reading credentials and training.
- Removes the Director of Education and Workforce from the Educator Standards Board and its subcommittees.
- Makes corrective changes related to the establishment of the Department and the transfer of State Board and Superintendent of Public Instruction powers and duties.

Higher education

- Exempts private, nonprofit colleges and universities from posting certain information regarding institutional debt on its website.
- Abolishes the Center for Civics, Culture, and Society at the University of Cincinnati.
- Establishes a Center for Civics, Culture, and Workforce Development at Wright State University.

- Transfers from the University of Cincinnati to Wright State a \$2 million appropriation to support the center.

Doula services

- Modifies provisions establishing doula certification by the Board of Nursing and creating a Medicaid program to cover doula services.

Reporting election results

- Requires boards of elections and the Secretary of State to transmit election results, including those of county court judge and municipal court judge, to the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court by email or other telecommunication device.
- Requires election results on the Governor, members of Congress, and others to be emailed to the Senate President, rather than mailed.

STRS membership for pre-service teaching

- Includes, as State Teachers Retirement System members, student teachers who hold pre-service teacher permits and are employed as substitute teachers, and excludes them from School Employees Retirement System membership.

Public address information for respiratory care applicants

- Eliminates a requirement that the State Medical Board's register of applicants and licensees show the residential address of applicants to practice respiratory care.

9-1-1 charges and fees

- Repeals current law that exempts wireless service priced under \$5 per month from the Next Generation 9-1-1 access fee under continuing law.
- Modifies the payment sources for refunds of wireless 9-1-1 charges and next generation 9-1-1 access fees.

Tax deduction for homeownership savings account contributions

- Makes clarifying changes to a recently enacted income tax deduction for contributions to homeownership savings accounts.

Tax law technical corrections

- Makes technical corrections to various tax law provisions that were amended or enacted in H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly, the main appropriations act.

Preschool and school child programs

- Revises the law effective January 1, 2025, governing minimum standards for licensed preschool and school child programs, including by requiring the Department of Children and Youth to adopt those standards in rule, rather than to do so jointly and in consultation with the Director of Education and Workforce.

Other appropriations

- Makes other appropriations.