



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

**Bill:** S.B. 43 of the 132nd G.A.

**Status:** As Reported by Senate Local Government, Public Safety,  
& Veterans Affairs

**Sponsor:** Sen. Bacon

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Subject:** Modifies authority of limited home rule townships to adopt codes

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Giving limited home rule townships the additional authority to adopt a code regardless of whether or not the county in which the township is located has adopted a code on the same subject would have little, if any, fiscal effect on these types of political subdivisions. There are 32 limited home rule townships in Ohio. Presumably, those townships currently operating some sort of code enforcement office would choose to exercise the authority granted in the bill.

Under current law, a limited home rule township may adopt by resolution building codes and other standards. However, limited home rule townships may not adopt a code if the county in which it is located has adopted a code regulating the same matter. Also under current law, if the township was the first to adopt a code pertaining to a certain matter, the township code ceases to be in effect. The bill revises current law to permit a limited home rule township to adopt a code regardless of whether or not the county in which the township is located has adopted a code on the same subject. If a township adopts a code, the code is not affected by a code on the same subject that is subsequently adopted by the county. Additionally, if a limited home rule township adopts such a code and the county in which the township is located adopts a building code, both codes apply insofar as they are not in conflict. In such cases where a conflict exists, the township code prevails.

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