

STATE OF OHIO
Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

VETO MESSAGE

**STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE VETO OF ITEM IN AMENDED
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 54**

January 2, 2025

Pursuant to Article II, Section 16, of the Ohio Constitution, which states that the Governor may disapprove of any item in a bill appropriating money, I hereby disapprove of the following item in Amended Substitute Senate Bill 54 and set forth the following reasons for so doing as it is not in the best interest of Ohioans. The text I disapprove of is identified in this message by reference to the corresponding page and boxed text of the bill.

ITEM NUMBER 1

On page 7, delete the boxed text beginning with “Upon completion...” and ending with “possible thereafter.”.

On page 7, delete the boxed text “to”.

On page 7, delete the boxed text beginning with “reimburse county...” and ending with “expenses they”.

On page 7, delete the boxed text “incur”.

Payments to Local Boards of Elections

This line item veto was requested by the General Assembly. It was not the General Assembly’s intent to require local boards of elections to wait until after the primary and special election on May 6, 2025 to seek reimbursements for expenses incurred in conducting the election.

Therefore, the veto of this item is in the public interest.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed at Columbus this 2nd day of January, Two Thousand Twenty-Five.


Mike DeWine, Governor

This will acknowledge the receipt of a copy of this veto message of Amended Substitute Senate Bill 54 that was disapproved in part by Governor Mike DeWine on January 2, 2025.

Name and Title of Officer

Date and Time of Receipt