



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

Reps. Hill, Schaffer, Slaby, Arndt

BILL SUMMARY

- Requires a township to provide mileage reimbursement to a member of the township's board of township trustees and to the township fiscal officer.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Township mileage reimbursement

The bill requires a township to provide to the township's trustees and fiscal officer a mileage reimbursement for travel within the township that is necessary in the performance of the member's or fiscal officer's duties.¹ The reimbursement is at the same mileage rate allowed for the reimbursement of travel expenses of state agents, which the Director of Budget and Management provides by rule.²

COMMENT

Art. II, Sec. 20 of the Ohio Constitution prohibits officers from receiving a change (increase or decrease) in compensation during the officer's term. Because travel reimbursement is a form of compensation,³ a township trustee or fiscal officer in office on the bill's effective date would not receive the travel reimbursement during the trustee's or fiscal officer's then-current term. Only a trustee or fiscal officer whose term begins after the bill's effective date is eligible to receive the travel reimbursement.

¹ R.C. 505.242 and 507.091.

² R.C. 126.31(B), not in the bill; O.A.C. 126-1-02.

³ 1985 Ohio Op. Atty. Gen. No. 36; *State ex rel Boyd v. Tracy*, 128 Ohio St. 242 (1934).

HISTORY

ACTION

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