



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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## **Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments\***

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#### **Notice by ordinary mail and Internet identifier of record**

Allows the following official notices, which currently must be provided by certified mail, to be provided alternatively by ordinary mail and by an Internet identifier of record:

- County auditor must notify an owner of agricultural land of the denial of the owner's application to place the land in an agricultural district and must notify eligible owner of land in an agricultural district who fails to file renewal application;
- County auditor must notify an owner of agricultural land who fails to file an application for land valuation for property tax purposes, must return an incorrect or incomplete application for valuation to the applicant, and must notify an unsuccessful applicant for a determination that land is devoted exclusively to agricultural use.

Permits the following official notices, which currently must be provided by certified mail, to be provided instead by ordinary mail:

- Person must notify board of county commissioners of proposed construction or expansion of concentrated animal feeding facility;
- Person must notify board of township trustees of proposed construction or expansion of concentrated animal feeding facility.

Requires that the following official notices continue to be made by certified mail:

- County auditor must certify and send notice to the owner of property of the amount and the calculation of any service payments charged against the property for the tax year;

\* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate Floor.

- Before selling unclaimed property, township police must provide notice to the owner and mortgagee or other lienholder of the sale;
- Board of township trustees may give notice to a commercial establishment or residential building at which an automatic fire alarm system yields a false alarm that the board may assess certain charges for false alarms; township fiscal officer must send notice after nonpayment of that charge;
- Township fiscal officer or sheriff must send notice to a commercial establishment or residential building at which a security alarm system yields a false alarm and that fails to pay a charge assessed by the board of township trustees or county sheriff;
- Executive authority of a municipal corporation or a board of county commissioners must notify the owners of a service station that may be determined to be abandoned;
- County board of revision must send notice to a person before the board increases any valuation affecting the person's property, affording the person an opportunity to be heard.

### **Public records training for public officials**

Allows a person who has been elected to an office but has not yet taken office to complete the required public records training for elected officials conducted by the Attorney General before the person takes office.

### **County prosecuting attorney as legal adviser**

Permits a county prosecuting attorney, in the attorney's discretion and with the approval of the board of county commissioners, to enter into a contract with a regional airport authority, port authority, or regional planning commission to be its legal adviser.

Allows the county prosecuting attorney to charge a fee for legal services agreed to under the contract.