



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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131st General Assembly
(As Passed by the House)

Reps. Brenner, Rogers, Hambley, Ruhl, Amstutz, Arndt, Ashford, Baker, Boose, Buchy, Craig, Fedor, Green, Lepore-Hagan, S. O'Brien, Romanchuk, Sprague, Sweeney

BILL SUMMARY

- Authorizes a subdivision to impose a 9-1-1 system levy in only the portion of the subdivision that would be served by the 9-1-1 system.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

9-1-1 system levy

The bill authorizes a subdivision to levy a tax for the establishment and operation of a 9-1-1 system in only the portion of the subdivision that would be served by the system. Only electors residing in the portion of the subdivision subject to the tax would be permitted to vote on the question of the levy. Under current law, a subdivision may levy a tax to establish and operate a 9-1-1 system, and, even when only a portion of the subdivision is served by the system, all electors of the subdivision are permitted to vote on the question of the levy and the tax applies throughout the entirety of the subdivision.¹

9-1-1 system background

Generally, each county is responsible for implementing a countywide 9-1-1 system.² A countywide 9-1-1 system does not necessarily contain the entirety of the county. For instance, a municipal corporation or township may choose not to participate in the system.³ And, territory within a county may be excluded from the

¹ R.C. 5705.19.

² R.C. 128.03, not in the bill.

³ R.C. 128.07 and 128.08, not in the bill.

system if the wireline service provider that serves the area is not capable of reasonably meeting the technical and economical requirements of providing the wireline telephone network.⁴ In some cases, a municipal corporation or township (or a combination of contiguous municipal corporations and townships) may establish its own system.⁵

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	06-25-15
Reported, H. Local Gov't	02-17-16
Passed House (95-0)	04-20-16

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⁴ R.C. 128.03(A)(2), not in the bill.

⁵ R.C. 128.09.

