



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Bill Analysis

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H.B. 561

131st General Assembly
(As Introduced)

Reps. Boccieri and Clyde, Lepore-Hagan, Howse, Hood

BILL SUMMARY

- Replaces the probate judge with the board of county commissioners as the appointing authority for two additional members of a board of park commissioners.
- Requires a probate judge or board of county commissioners making appointments to a board of park commissioners to provide an opportunity for public input on the appointment.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Appointing authority for members of an expanded park district board

The bill requires the board of county commissioners of the county in which a park district is located, rather than the probate judge as under current law, to appoint two additional members to a board of park commissioners upon request of the board of park commissioners. Under continuing law, a board of park commissioners consists of three members appointed by the probate judge. Currently, a majority of the board's three members may elect to expand its membership to five members by requesting that the probate judge appoint two additional members. The bill requires the board of county commissioners, rather than the probate judge, to appoint the two additional members.¹ As the appointing authority, the board of county commissioners also fills vacancies created by, and has removal authority over, the members of the board of park commissioners it appoints.²

¹ R.C. 1545.05(B).

² R.C. 1545.06.

The bill specifies that the county commissioners may not appoint themselves to the board of park commissioners.³

Public input on appointments

The bill requires a probate judge or board of county commissioners, before making an original appointment or filling a vacancy, to provide an opportunity for public comment on the appointment.⁴

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	05-12-16

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³ R.C. 1545.05(C).

⁴ R.C. 1545.05(D).

