



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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## Bill Analysis

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### **S.B. 149**

132nd General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

**Sens.** LaRose, Hite, Lehner, O'Brien

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### **BILL SUMMARY**

- Requires that when a public school building is used as a polling place, the school district board of education must close the building to students for the day.
  - Requires a board of elections to notify the appropriate district board of its plans to use schools as polling places during a given school year not later than January 1 before that school year begins.
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### **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

The bill requires that when a public school building is used as a polling place, the school district board of education must close the building to students for the day. The district board may allow the building to be used for teacher in-service training on that day, as long as students are not present.

Under the bill, for each school year, a board of elections must notify the appropriate district board of every election for which the board of elections intends to use a school building as a polling place, as well as the dates of any possible additional elections, not later than January 1 before that school year begins. For example, if a board of elections plans to use school buildings during the 2018-2019 school year, the board of elections must notify the district board of those plans by January 1, 2018. If the plans specified in the notice change, the board of elections must send an updated notice as soon as possible.

Continuing law requires a school district to allow a board of elections to use its schools as polling places without charge, upon request by the board of elections. The board of elections may pay the district a reasonable sum for necessary janitorial

services. Currently, a district board may choose to cancel classes or schedule teacher in-service days on election days, but the district board is not required to do so.<sup>1</sup>

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## HISTORY

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 3319.077 and 3501.29.

