

Ohio Township Association Legislative Alert



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Legislative Activity This Week

Monday, April 16

Rep. Duffey - Water & Sewer Issues

Rep. Carfagna - HB 500 Township Omnibus Bill

Tuesday, April 17

Rep. Hoops - Township Health Insurance Issues

Wednesday, April 18

Rep. Patterson - Township Issues, Use of Road Grindings from ODOT Projects

Thursday, April 19

BWC Nominating Committee

***Please note, the General Assembly, including House and Senate committees will not be meeting until after the Primary Election on May 8.*

Recently Introduced Legislation

HB 598 LAND SALES (West, Green) To give county auditors more discretion with respect to how often tax-forfeited land shall be offered for sale, to expressly immunize counties from civil liability in connection with such land, and to remove a requirement that property held by a land bank for more than fifteen years must be offered for sale at a public auction.

HB 602 WATER SEWER SERVICES (Duffey, Lanese) To penalize a municipal corporation for engaging in certain actions related to its provision of water and sewer services outside of its territory by reducing or withholding payments the municipal corporation receives from the Local Government Fund and rendering the municipal corporation ineligible for state water and sewer development funds.

HB 604 WIND SETBACKS (Strahorn) To alter the minimum setback requirement for wind farms of five or more megawatts and to make the authorization of qualified energy project property tax exemptions permanent.

HB 606 TAX EXEMPTION (Patterson, LaTourette) To authorize a property tax exemption for land used for commercial maple sap extraction and to reimburse, up to \$3 million per year, local governments for revenue lost from the exemption.



Recent Attorney General's Opinion

2018-010 Use of Gasoline Tax Revenue

Syllabus:

1. A board of county commissioners may expend motor vehicle fuel excise tax revenues distributed to the county pursuant to R.C. 5735.27(A)(2) to purchase a building for the housing and repair of county road machinery and the housing of supplies, but may not expend such revenues to purchase the real property on which the building is located. (1988 Op. Att'y Gen. No. 88-004 (syllabus, paragraph 1) extended, on the basis of legislative amendment, and 1998 Op. Att'y Gen. No. 98-008 (syllabus, paragraph 2), overruled, on the basis of legislative amendment.)
2. To determine the fair market value of a parcel of real property apart from the fair market value of a building located upon the real property, a board of county commissioners shall obtain an appraisal of the real property that provides the fair market value of the land and the building. A board of county commissioners may exercise reasonable discretion in selecting a qualified person or entity to conduct such an appraisal.

Federal Update

Congressional Activity

The House and Senate were in session this week. The House considered 16 bills under suspension of the rules, including several tax-related measures (in honor of Tax Day this Tuesday, April 17). For the remainder of the week, the House will vote on the Protecting Children from Identity Theft Act (H.R. 5192), which would require the Social Security Administration to provide a database that financial institutions could use to identify fraud involving theft of Social Security numbers; the Taxpayer First Act (H.R. 5444), which would require the IRS to modify its summons and asset seizure procedures; and the 21st Century IRS Act (H.R. 5445), which would require the IRS to put more of its services online and enhance the security of taxpayer information.



On Wednesday, the House Agriculture Committee marked-up the 2018 Farm Bill (H.R. 2). Additionally, lawmakers are ramping up work on a new set of spending bills for FY 2019.

AARP Community Challenge 2018

"Quick-action" grants to make communities livable for people of all ages

It takes time to build great communities. But, quick action can spark longer-term progress. The AARP Community Challenge funds projects that build momentum for local change to improve livability for all residents. In 2017, the AARP Community Challenge awarded 88 grants.

2018 TIMELINE

- March 21: Launch of the 2018 AARP Community Challenge
- May 16: Applications due by 5 pm ET
- June 25: Winning applicants will be notified by email by this date
- November 5: All projects must be completed
- December 3: After Action Reports due

Grant applications must be submitted [online](#).

ELIGIBILITY

- The program is open to the following types of organizations:
- 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4) and 501(c)(6) nonprofits
 - Government entities
 - Other types of organizations, considered on a case-by-case basis

ACCEPTABLE PROJECTS

For the 2018 AARP Community Challenge, AARP will prioritize projects that aim to achieve the following outcomes:

- Deliver a range of transportation and mobility options in the community through permanent or temporary solutions that increase connectivity, walkability, bikeability and/or and access to public and private transit.
- Create vibrant public places in the community through permanent or temporary solutions that improve open spaces, parks and access to other amenities.
- Support the availability of a range of housing in the community through permanent or temporary solutions that increase accessible and affordable housing options.
- Other community improvements. We want to know the most important needs in your community and the best quick-action ideas you have to address them.

Community Challenge grants can be used to support the following types of projects in the community. The proposed project types described below will be prioritized over those that support ongoing programming or events:

- Permanent physical improvement in the community
- Temporary demonstrations that lead to long-term change
- New, innovative programming or services

The following projects are NOT eligible for funding:

- Partisan, political or election-related activities
- Planning activities and assessments and surveys of communities
- Studies with no follow-up action
- Publication of books or reports
- Acquisition of land and/or buildings
- Sponsorships of other organizations' events or activities
- Research and development
- Promotion of a for-profit entity and/or its products and services

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