

# Ohio Township Association Legislative Alert



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## Senate Accepts Amendments to Am. Sub. HB 49 (Biennium Budget)

The Senate Finance Committee heard testimony from the public this week. Amendments for the first round of Senate changes to [Am. Sub. HB 49](#) were due Wednesday of this week. The Senate Finance Committee and Senate Leadership will now review all amendments submitted and decide what changes are made to the bill.

Please [click here to view a chart](#) of the items included in [Am. Sub. HB 49](#) that directly or indirectly impact townships.

## Recently Introduced Legislation

**[HB 251 SUBDIVISION INVESTMENTS](#)** (Greenspan) To increase from five to ten years the maturity period of other political subdivision's bonds and obligations eligible for investment of a subdivision's interim moneys.

**[HB 255 TOWNSHIP OFFICERS](#)** (Hambley) To authorize a township officer who serves a population of greater than 5,000 to make arrests for specified traffic offenses on interstate highways within and adjacent to the officer's territory and to prohibit townships from using traffic law photo-monitoring devices on interstate highways.

## Meetings This Week

**Rep. Hill & Rep. Koehler** - HB 175 Livestock Regulations (Brinkman)

**Rep. Bocchieri's office** - OTA's position on HB 255 Township Police (Hambley)

**Ohio Turnpike & Infrastructure Committee** - OTA support of Smart Belt Coalition

## Legislative Activity This Week

Tuesday, May 31

[House State & Local Government](#)

**[SB 37 POLICE CHIEF TRAINING](#)** (Hite) To require the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission to develop and conduct a chief of police training course for newly appointed village, city, and township chiefs of police.

No testimony was presented.

**HB 168 CEMETERY REGISTRATION** (Stein) To modify duties of the Division of Real Estate in the Department of Commerce regarding cemetery registration, to specify cemetery owners must reasonably maintain cemeteries, to establish the Cemetery Grant Program, and to make an appropriation.

An [amendment](#) was accepted prior to the Committee favorably reporting the legislation to the full House for a vote.

**HB 207 PHOTO MONITORING** (Patton) To prohibit a municipal corporation or township that does not operate either a fire department or an emergency medical services organization from utilizing traffic law photo-monitoring devices.

**HB 208 PHOTO MONITORING** (Patton) To prohibit a local authority with a population of 200 or fewer from utilizing traffic law photo-monitoring devices.

**HB 209 PHOTO MONITORING** (Patton) To prohibit a local authority, in any year, from issuing a total number of traffic tickets based on the use of traffic law photo-monitoring devices that exceeds two times the population of the local authority.

**HB 210 PHOTO MONITORING** (Patton) To prohibit a local authority from deriving more than 30 per cent of the total annual revenue of the local authority from the issuance of tickets for traffic law violations based on evidence recorded by traffic law photo-monitoring devices.

No testimony was presented on any of the bills.

#### **House Government Accountability & Oversight**

**HB 218 PARK DISTRICTS** (Seitz) To expand a probate court's powers and duties with regard to a park district.

Sponsor Seitz said the need for the legislation arose because state law does not explicitly provide a probate court judge authority in the case of a dispute over a park district.

He stated the bill is different from an amendment he submitted for the state's two-year operating budget that stirred opposition among Geauga County political leaders.

**HB 226 FIREWORKS** (Seitz, Sweeney) To establish a fireworks study group to review and make recommendations regarding the Fireworks Law, to extend to July 1, 2020, the moratorium on issuing fireworks manufacturer and wholesaler licenses, to eliminate, beginning January 1, 2021, the moratorium on geographic transfer of fireworks manufacturer and wholesaler licenses, and, beginning July 1, 2020, to impose a fee on the retail sale of consumer grade fireworks in this state and to expand the ability of individuals to obtain 1.3G display fireworks and obtain and use 1.4G consumer fireworks.

Ken Sprague, president of the Ohio State Pyrotechnics Association, and Danial Peart, director of government affairs for Phantom Fireworks testified in support of the legislation.

## **SURVEY - PLEASE HELP!**

### **Low Volume Roads**

The Ohio Research Institute for Transportation and the Environment (ORITE) at Ohio University is currently working on a research project as part of Ohio's Research Initiative for Locals (ORIL) Research Program funded through Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) regarding chip seal applications on low-volume routes.

The goal of this study is to assess the current state of chip sealing on low-volume roads maintained by counties, townships and municipalities. To meet the objectives of the study a questionnaire was developed to collect information about chip seal practices directly from Ohio pavement preservation practitioners. Additionally, respondents who believe they have particularly successful (or unsuccessful) chip seal practices or projects are invited to indicate their willingness to contribute additional information to be used as a case study for the research. The questionnaire will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. The results of the synthesis will assist with the research goal of developing chip seal best practices for low volume roads.



Townships may complete the questionnaire by clicking [here](https://ohio.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9yIF5hlfjyX788d) or cutting and pasting this web address in your browser - [https://ohio.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9yIF5hlfjyX788d](https://ohio.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9yIF5hlfjyX788d).

Please complete the survey by June 30, 2017.

Should you have any questions about this survey, please contact Mary Robbins, PhD, or Roger Green, PhD, at the number listed below.

ORITE at Ohio University  
(740) 681-3739

## Ohio Fire Expo - June 24

Join the Ohio State Fire Marshal's office and the Central Ohio Antique Fire Apparatus Association for antique fire trucks, a flea market, hands-on fire safety demos and activities for children and adults, and much more! Parking and admission are free. Food concessions will be available for purchase.



## Looking for a Few Good Volunteers

Each year, the Ohio Township Association presents trophies and other awards for 4-H participants at the Ohio State Fair. The fair will take place July 26 - Aug. 6, and the OTA needs your help.

If you are interested in presenting a state fair award, contact Perry Brock, OTA State Fair Committee Chairman, at [lpbrock1@msn.com](mailto:lpbrock1@msn.com) or 304-634-4715.

At least two volunteers are needed each day. Volunteers receive a free parking pass and free admission.

Photos and thank you letters from recipients are included in the *Ohio Township News* magazine.



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