

Ohio Township Association Legislative Alert



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Senate Unveils Their Version of HB 49 (Biennium Budget)

Yesterday afternoon, the Ohio Senate Finance Committee accepted a substitute version of HB 49, the biennium budget. The Senate made substantial changes to the House-passed version. Please find below a summary of the major changes impacting townships. To see the entire list of changes made, please [click here](#). To view the Comp Doc that outlines the differences between the Governor's proposed budget, the House passed budget and the current Senate version, please [click here](#).

Major Changes

- Eliminates the Local Government Innovation Fund and grant program and transfers all unexpended, unencumbered revenue to the state's GRF.
- Re-establishes the Legislative Committee on Public Health Futures.
- Eliminates the language creating the DataOhio program.
- Eliminates the language requiring the Chief of ODNR to issue an order for unit operation of a pool or part of a pool that encompasses a unit area consisting in whole or part of oil or natural gas resources owned or controlled by the state or a political subdivision.
- Redirects LGF money that would have otherwise been paid to municipalities that have an income tax to instead fund opioid addiction treatment and law enforcement operations relating to opioid crisis.
- Eliminates the ability of a multi-county health district to place a levy on the ballot for the entire territory.
- Exempts from property taxation a retail store operated by a charitable nonprofit housing organization that sells primarily household items.
- Eliminates the requirement that pre-1995 township TIFs obtain school district approval before extending the term of the TIF.
- Inserts the language of SB 36 as the standards for calculating CAUV and creates a three-year phase-in beginning with tax year 2017.
- Removes language that would have required a political subdivision to pay the attorney fees and court costs of a property owner whose land valuation is challenged by the political subdivision. Instead, prohibits a political subdivision from filing a tax complaint unless the legislative authority adopts a resolution describing the circumstances under which the subdivision will file complaints. The language prohibits an attorney from appearing before a county board of revision or Board of Tax Appeals unless the attorney certifies that he is not paid

on a contingency basis for that action or appeal. A property owner is prohibited from filing a complaint with a county board of revision challenging the tax value of land that the person does not own.

- Eliminates the distribution change to the Hamilton County Hotel Tax.

-Eliminates the extra revenue that was to be paid to fire departments servicing nuclear power plants.

- Retains current law regarding new community authorities.

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