

# AN ACT

To amend sections 164.04, 305.30, and 307.86 of the Revised Code to permit the appointing authorities that appoint members of district public works integrating committees to appoint alternates for those members to act in their absence, to explicitly permit a county administrator to carry out functions of a board of county commissioners in disasters or emergencies if the board has delegated those functions, and to change the voting requirements to declare a county emergency.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:*

SECTION 1. That sections 164.04, 305.30, and 307.86 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 164.04. (A) In each of the districts created in section 164.03 of the Revised Code, a district public works integrating committee shall be established as follows:

(1) In district one, the district committee shall consist of seven members appointed as follows: two members shall be appointed by the board of county commissioners; two members shall be appointed by the chief executive officer of the most populous municipal corporation in the district; two members shall be appointed by a majority of the chief executive officers of the other municipal corporations located within the district; and one member, who shall have experience in local infrastructure planning and economic development and who shall represent the interests of private industry within the district, shall be appointed by a majority of the members of the district committee or their alternates. Except with respect to the selection of the private sector member of the committee, the affirmative vote of at least five committee members or their alternates is required for any action taken by a vote of the committee.

(2) In district two, the district committee shall consist of nine members appointed as follows: two members shall be appointed by the board of county commissioners; three members shall be appointed by the chief

executive officer of the most populous municipal corporation in the district; two members shall be appointed by a majority of the other chief executive officers of municipal corporations in the district; and two members shall be appointed by a majority of the boards of township trustees in the district. Of the ~~appointments made~~ members appointed by the board of county commissioners, one member shall have experience in local infrastructure planning and economic development, and one member shall be either a county commissioner or a county engineer of the district. The affirmative vote of at least seven members of the committee or their alternates is required for any action taken by a vote of the committee.

(3) In districts three, four, eight, twelve, and nineteen, the district committee shall consist of nine members appointed as follows: two members shall be appointed by the board of county commissioners or by the chief executive officer of the county; two members shall be appointed by the chief executive officer of the most populous municipal corporation located within the district; two members shall be appointed by a majority of the other chief executive officers of the municipal corporations located in the district; two members shall be appointed by a majority of the boards of township trustees located in the district; and one member, who shall have experience in local infrastructure planning and economic development and who shall represent the interests of private industry within the district, shall be appointed by a majority of the members of the committee or their alternates. Except with respect to the selection of the private sector member of the committee, the affirmative vote of at least seven committee members or their alternates is required for any action taken by a vote of the committee.

(4) In district six, the district committee shall consist of nine members appointed as follows: one member shall be appointed by the board of county commissioners of each county in the district; one member shall be appointed by the chief executive officer of the most populous municipal corporation in each county in the district; one member shall be appointed alternately by a majority of the chief executives of the municipal corporations, other than the largest municipal corporation, within one of the counties of the district; and one member shall be appointed alternately by a majority of the boards of township trustees within one of the counties in the district. The two persons who are the county engineers of the counties in the district also shall ~~also~~ be members of the committee. At least six of these members or their alternates shall agree upon the appointment to the committee of a private sector person who shall have experience in local infrastructure planning and economic development. The affirmative vote of seven committee members or their

alternates is required for any action taken by a vote of the committee.

The first appointment to the committee made by the majority of the boards of township trustees of a county shall be made by the boards of township trustees located in the least populous county of the district, and the first appointment made by the majority of the chief executives of municipal corporations, other than the largest municipal corporation, of a county shall be made by the chief executives of municipal corporations, other than the largest municipal corporation, from the most populous county in the district.

Notwithstanding division ~~(B)~~(C) of this section, the members of the district committee appointed alternately by a majority of the chief executive officers of municipal corporations, other than the largest municipal corporation, of a county and a majority of boards of township trustees of a county shall serve five-year terms.

(5) In districts seven, nine, and ten, the district committee shall consist of two members appointed by the board of county commissioners of each county in the district, two members appointed by a majority of the chief executive officers of all cities within each county in the district, three members appointed by a majority of the boards of township trustees of all townships in the district, three members appointed by a majority of chief executive officers of all villages in the district, one member who is appointed by a majority of the county engineers in the district and who shall be a county engineer, and one member, who shall have experience in local infrastructure planning and economic development, shall be appointed by a majority of all other committee members or their alternates. If there is a county in the district in which there are no cities, the member that is to be appointed by the chief executive officers of the cities within that county shall be appointed by the chief executive officer of the village with the largest population in that county.

(6) In districts five, eleven, and thirteen through eighteen, the members of each district committee shall be appointed as follows: one member shall be appointed by each board of county commissioners; one member shall be appointed by the majority of the chief executive officers of the cities located in each county; three members shall be appointed by a majority of the chief executive officers of villages located within the district; three members shall be appointed by a majority of the boards of township trustees located within the district; one member shall be appointed by a majority of the county engineers of the district and ~~who~~ shall be a county engineer; and one member, who shall have experience in local infrastructure planning and economic development and who shall represent the interests of private industry within the district, shall be appointed by a majority of the members

of the committee or their alternates. If there is a county in the district in which there are no cities, the member that is to be appointed by the chief executive officers of the cities within that county shall be appointed by the chief executive officer of the village with the largest population in that county.

(7) In districts five, seven, nine, ten, eleven, thirteen, fourteen, sixteen, and seventeen organized in accordance with divisions (A)(5) and (6) of this section, a nine-member executive committee shall be established that shall include at least one of the persons appointed to the district committee by the chief executive officers of the villages within the district, at least one of the persons appointed to the district committee by the boards of township trustees within the district, the person appointed to the district committee to represent the interests of private industry, and six additional district committee members selected to serve on the executive committee by a majority of the members of the district committee or their alternates, except that not more than three persons who were appointed to the district committee by a board of county commissioners and not more than three persons who were appointed to the district committee by the chief executives of the cities located in the district shall serve on the executive committee.

(8) In districts fifteen and eighteen organized in accordance with division (A)(6) of this section, an eleven-member executive committee shall be established that shall include at least one of the persons appointed to the district committee by the chief executive officers of the villages within the district, at least one of the persons appointed to the district committee by the boards of township trustees within the district, the person appointed to the district committee to represent the interests of private industry, and eight additional district committee members selected to serve on the executive committee by a majority of the members of the district committee or their alternates, except that not more than four persons who were appointed to the district committee by a board of county commissioners and not more than four persons who were appointed to the district committee by the chief executives of the cities located in the district shall serve on the executive committee. No more than two persons from each county shall be on the executive committee.

All decisions of a district committee required to be organized in accordance with divisions (A)(5) and (6) of this section ~~must~~ shall be approved by its executive committee. The affirmative vote of at least seven executive committee members or their alternates for executive committees formed under division (A)(7) of this section and at least nine members or

their alternates for executive committees formed under division (A)(8) of this section is required for any action taken by vote of the executive committee, except that any decision of the executive committee may be rejected by a vote of at least two-thirds of the full membership of the district committee within thirty days of the executive committee action. Only projects approved by the executive committee may be submitted to the director of the Ohio public works commission pursuant to section 164.05 of the Revised Code.

(B) Appointing authorities that appoint district committee members also may appoint an alternate for each committee member appointed under divisions (A)(1) to (6) of this section. If a district committee member is absent from a district or executive committee or subcommittee meeting, the alternate has the right to vote and participate in all proceedings and actions at that meeting.

(C) Terms of office for members of district committees and their alternates shall be for three years, with each term ending on the same day of the same month as did the term that it succeeds. Each member and that member's alternate shall hold office from the date of appointment until the end of the term for which the member is appointed, except that, with respect to any member who was an elected or appointed official of a township, county, or municipal corporation or that member's alternate, the term of office for ~~such that~~ person under this section shall not extend beyond ~~such~~ the member's term as an elected or appointed official unless the member was appointed by a group of officials of more than one political subdivision or the members of the district committee, in which case the member's alternate shall continue to serve for the full term. Members and their alternates may be reappointed. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner provided for original appointments. Any member or that member's alternate appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration date of the term for which the member's or alternate's predecessor was ~~appointed~~ appointed shall hold office for the remainder of that term. A member or that member's alternate shall continue in office subsequent to the expiration date of the member's or alternate's term until the member's or alternate's successor takes office or until a period of sixty days has elapsed, whichever occurs first. Each district public works integrating committee shall elect a chairperson, vice-chairperson, and ~~such~~ other officers ~~as~~ it considers advisable.

~~(C)~~(D) For purposes of this chapter, if a subdivision is located in more than one county or in more than one district, the subdivision shall be deemed to be a part of the county or district in which the largest number of its population is located. However, if after a decennial census the change in

a subdivision's population would result in the subdivision becoming part of a different county or district, the legislative authority of the subdivision may, by resolution, choose to remain a part of the county or district of which ~~they were~~ the subdivision was originally deemed to be a part. Such a decision is not revocable unless similar conditions arise following the next decennial census.

~~(D)~~(E) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a county, municipal, or township public official may serve as a member of a district public works integrating committee.

~~(E)~~(F) A member of a district committee or that member's alternate does not have an unlawful interest in a public contract under section 2921.42 of the Revised Code solely by virtue of the receipt of financial assistance under this chapter by the local subdivision of which the member or that member's alternate is also a public official or appointee.

Sec. 305.30. The county administrator ~~shall~~, under the direction of the board of county commissioners, shall do the following:

(A) Assist in the administration, enforcement, and execution of the policies and resolutions of the board;

(B) Supervise and direct the activities of the affairs of the divisions of county government under the control or jurisdiction of the board;

(C) Attend all meetings of the board at which the ~~county~~ administrator's attendance is required by that body;

(D) Recommend measures for adoption to the board;

(E) Prepare and submit to the board ~~such reports as are~~ required by that body, or ~~as deems~~ reports that it considers advisable;

(F) Keep the board fully advised on the financial conditions of the county, preparing and submitting a budget for the next fiscal year;

(G) Contract on behalf of the board within limits provided by a resolution of the board, provided that the resolution authorizing such actions shall also specify the types of contracts upon which the administrator may act without further resolution of the board;

(H) Allow and pay claims for goods received and services rendered within limits provided by a resolution of the board, provided that the county department receiving those goods and services certifies their receipt before the administrator allows the claim;

(I) Perform any or all personnel functions otherwise conferred or incumbent upon the board of county commissioners under Chapter 124. or any other chapter or section of the Revised Code, provided that the board, by resolution, has delegated the specific functions to the ~~county~~ administrator;

(J) Perform any or all functions conferred or incumbent upon the board of county commissioners in the case of a disaster or emergency, provided that the board, by resolution, has delegated the specific functions or all of the functions to the administrator. As used in this division, "disaster" and "emergency" have the same meanings as in divisions (E) and (F) of section 5502.21 of the Revised Code.

(K) Perform such additional duties as the board may determine by resolution.

The board of county commissioners may assign to such county administrator any office, position, or duties under its control, such office, position, and duties to be performed under the direction and supervision of the board and to be in addition to those set forth in this section.

Sec. 307.86. Anything to be purchased, leased, leased with an option or agreement to purchase, or constructed, including, but not limited to, any product, structure, construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, repair, or service, except the services of an accountant, architect, attorney at law, physician, professional engineer, construction project manager, consultant, surveyor, or appraiser, by or on behalf of the county or contracting authority, as defined in section 307.92 of the Revised Code, at a cost in excess of fifteen thousand dollars, except as otherwise provided in division (D) of section 713.23 and in sections 125.04, 307.022, 307.041, 307.861, 339.05, 340.03, 340.033, 4115.31 to 4115.35, 5119.16, 5513.01, 5543.19, 5713.01, and 6137.05 of the Revised Code, shall be obtained through competitive bidding. However, competitive bidding is not required when any of the following applies:

(A) The board of county commissioners, by a unanimous vote of its members, makes a determination that a real and present emergency exists, and ~~such~~ that determination and the reasons ~~therefor~~ for it are entered in the minutes of the proceedings of the board, when either of the following applies:

(1) The estimated cost is less than fifty thousand dollars;~~or~~.

(2) There is actual physical disaster to structures, radio communications equipment, or computers.

For purposes of this division, "unanimous vote" means all three members of a board of county commissioners when all three members are present, or two members of the board if only two members, constituting a quorum, are present.

Whenever a contract of purchase, lease, or construction is exempted from competitive bidding under division (A)(1) of this section because the estimated cost is less than fifty thousand dollars, but the estimated cost is

fifteen thousand dollars or more, the county or contracting authority shall solicit informal estimates from no fewer than three persons who could perform the contract, before awarding the contract. With regard to each such contract, the county or contracting authority shall maintain a record of such estimates, including the name of each person from whom an estimate is solicited, for no less than one year after the contract is awarded.

(B) The purchase consists of supplies or a replacement or supplemental part or parts for a product or equipment owned or leased by the county, and the only source of supply for ~~such~~ the supplies, part, or parts is limited to a single supplier.

(C) The purchase is from the federal government, state, another county or contracting authority thereof, a board of education, township, or municipal corporation.

(D) Public social services are purchased for provision by the county department of human services under section 329.04 of the Revised Code, or program services, such as direct and ancillary client services, child day-care, case management services, residential services, and family resource services, are purchased for provision by a county board of mental retardation and developmental disabilities under section 5126.05 of the Revised Code.

(E) The purchase consists of human and social services by the board of county commissioners from nonprofit corporations or associations under programs ~~which are~~ funded entirely by the federal government.

(F) The purchase consists of any form of an insurance policy or contract authorized to be issued under Title XXXIX of the Revised Code or any form of health care plan authorized to be issued under Chapter 1751. of the Revised Code, or any combination of such policies, contracts, or plans that the contracting authority is authorized to purchase, and the contracting authority does all of the following:

(1) Determines that compliance with the requirements of this section would increase, rather than decrease, the cost of such purchase;

(2) Employs a competent consultant to assist the contracting authority in procuring appropriate coverages at the best and lowest prices;

(3) Requests issuers of such policies, contracts, or plans to submit proposals to the contracting authority, in a form prescribed by the contracting authority, setting forth the coverage and cost of such policies, contracts, or plans as the contracting authority desires to purchase;

(4) Negotiates with such issuers for the purpose of purchasing such policies, contracts, or plans at the best and lowest price reasonably possible.

(G) The purchase consists of computer hardware, software, or

consulting services that are necessary to implement a computerized case management automation project administered by the Ohio prosecuting attorneys association and funded by a grant from the federal government.

(H) Child day-care services are purchased for provision to county employees.

(I)(1) Property, including land, buildings, and other real property, is leased for offices, storage, parking, or other purposes, and all of the following apply:

(a) The contracting authority is authorized by the Revised Code to lease the property;

(b) The contracting authority develops requests for proposals for leasing the property, specifying the criteria that will be considered prior to leasing the property, including the desired size and geographic location of the property;

(c) The contracting authority receives responses from prospective lessors with property meeting the criteria specified in the requests for proposals by giving notice in a manner substantially similar to the procedures established for giving notice under section 307.87 of the Revised Code;

(d) The contracting authority negotiates with the prospective lessors to obtain a lease at the best and lowest price reasonably possible considering the fair market value of the property and any relocation and operational costs that may be incurred during the period the lease is in effect.

(2) The contracting authority may use the services of a real estate appraiser to obtain advice, consultations, or other recommendations regarding the lease of property under this division.

(J) The purchase is made pursuant to section 5139.34 or sections 5139.41 to 5139.46 of the Revised Code and is of programs or services that provide case management, treatment, or prevention services to any felony or misdemeanor delinquent, unruly youth, or status offender under the supervision of the juvenile court, including, but not limited to, ~~such services as~~ community residential care, day treatment, services to children in their home, or electronic monitoring.

Any issuer of policies, contracts, or plans listed in division (F) of this section and any prospective lessor under division (I) of this section may have the issuer's or prospective contractor's name and address, or the name and address of an agent, placed on a special notification list to be kept by the contracting authority, by sending the contracting authority such name and address. The contracting authority shall send notice to all persons listed on the special notification list. Notices shall state the deadline and place for

submitting proposals. The contracting authority shall mail the notices at least six weeks prior to the deadline set by the contracting authority for submitting ~~such~~ proposals. Every five years the contracting authority may review this list and remove any person from the list after mailing the person notification of such action.

Any contracting authority that negotiates a contract under division (F) of this section shall request proposals and renegotiate with issuers in accordance with that division at least every three years from the date of the signing of such a contract.

Any consultant employed pursuant to division (F) of this section and any real estate appraiser employed pursuant to division (I) of this section shall disclose any fees or compensation received from any source in connection with that employment.

SECTION 2. That existing sections 164.04, 305.30, and 307.86 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.

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*Speaker* \_\_\_\_\_ *of the House of Representatives.*

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*President* \_\_\_\_\_ *of the Senate.*

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*Governor.*

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*Director, Legislative Service Commission.*

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*Secretary of State.*

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