**129th General Assembly**
**Regular Session**                                    **H. B. No. 584**
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**Representative Foley**

**Cosponsors:  Representatives Hagan, R., Driehaus, Antonio, Phillips,**
**Winburn**

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| To enact section 101.36 of the Revised Code to | 1 |
| require the Governor to participate in House | 2 |
| Question Times. | 3 |

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

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| **Section 1.** That section 101.36 of the Revised Code be enacted | 4 |
| to read as follows: | 5 |
| **Sec. 101.36.** (A) Ten times per year, the governor shall | 6 |
| appear before the house of representatives for a forty-five minute | 7 |
| question time. During each question time, the governor shall | 8 |
| answer questions asked by the members of the house of | 9 |
| representatives. The speaker of the house of representatives shall | 10 |
| set the date and time of each question time. Each question time | 11 |
| shall occur during a session of the house of representatives at | 12 |
| which a sufficient number of members of the house are present to | 13 |
| pass a bill. | 14 |
| (B) The majority and the minority party each shall be given | 15 |
| the opportunity to ask the governor a minimum of five questions. | 16 |
| Prior to each question time, the majority leader of the house of | 17 |
| representatives shall submit to the speaker a list of the members | 18 |

of the majority party who will ask the governor questions and the          19

minority leader of the house of representatives shall submit to            20

the speaker a list of the members of the minority party who will          21

ask the governor questions. The parties shall not be required to          22

disclose the questions their members intend to ask. Either party          23

may decline to ask a question.                                            24

    (C) The speaker shall call on each questioner to speak and     25

shall alternate between parties. The minority party shall ask the         26

first question. The speaker shall make a reasonable effort to             27

allot equal time to each party for the asking and answering of its        28

questions. Neither party may ask a question after the forty-fifth         29

minute of the question time.                                              30