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H. B. No. 601

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A BILL

То	amend sections 715.013, 718.02, 718.03, 718.051,	1
	718.07, 718.09, 718.10, 718.11, 718.121, 718.13,	2
	5703.059, 5703.57, 5717.011, 5717.03, 5739.12,	3
	5739.124, 5741.122, 5747.063, 5747.064, and	4
	5751.07, to enact new sections 718.01, 718.011,	5
	718.04, 718.05, 718.06, 718.08, and 718.12 and	6
	sections 718.052, 718.18 to 718.31, 718.35 to	7
	718.44, and 718.99, and to repeal sections 718.01,	8
	718.011, 718.04, 718.041, 718.05, 718.06, 718.08,	9
	718.12, and 718.14 of the Revised Code to revise	10
	the laws governing income taxes imposed by	11
	municipal corporations.	12

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

Section 1. That sections 715.013, 718.02, 718.03, 718.051,	13
718.07, 718.09, 718.10, 718.11, 718.121, 718.13, 5703.059,	14
5703.57, 5717.011, 5717.03, 5739.12, 5739.124, 5741.122, 5747.063,	15
5747.064, and 5751.07 be amended, and new sections 718.01,	16
718.011, 718.04, 718.05, 718.06, 718.08, and 718.12 and sections	17
718.052, 718.18, 718.19, 718.20, 718.21, 718.22, 718.23, 718.24,	18
718.25, 718.26, 718.27, 718.28, 718.29, 718.30, 718.31, 718.35,	19
718.36, 718.37, 718.38, 718.39, 718.40, 718.41, 718.42, 718.43,	20
718.44, and 718.99 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as	21

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follows:	22
Sec. 715.013. (A) Except as otherwise expressly authorized by	23
the Revised Code, no municipal corporation shall levy a tax that	24
is the same as or similar to a tax levied under Chapter 322.,	25
3734., 3769., 4123., 4141., 4301., 4303., 4305., 4307., 4309.,	26
5707., 5725., 5727., 5728., 5729., 5731., 5735., 5737., 5739.,	27
5741., 5743., or 5749. <u>, or 5751.</u> of the Revised Code.	28
(B) This section does not prohibit a municipal corporation	29
from levying a tax on any of the following:	30
(1) Amounts received for admission to any place;	31
(2) The income of an electric company or combined company, as	32
defined in section 5727.01 of the Revised Code;	33
(3) On and after January 1, 2004, the income of a telephone	34
company, as defined in section 5727.01 of the Revised Code.	35
Sec. 718.01. Any term used in this chapter that is not	36
otherwise defined has the same meaning as when used in a	37
comparable context in laws of the United States relating to	38
federal income taxation or in Title LVII of the Revised Code,	39
unless a different meaning is clearly required.	40
As used in this chapter:	41
(A) "Municipal taxable income" means income, reduced by	42
exempt income to the extent otherwise included in income and then	43
apportioned or sitused to the municipal corporation under section	44
718.02 of the Revised Code. In the case of an individual who is a	45
resident of the municipal corporation, "municipal taxable income"	46
means income reduced by exempt income to the extent included in	47
income.	48
(B) "Income" means the following:	49

(1)(a) For residents, all income, salaries, qualifying wages,	50
commissions, and other compensation from whatever source earned or	51
received by the resident, including the resident's distributive	52
share of the net profit of pass-through entities owned directly or	53
indirectly by the resident and any net profit of the resident,	54
except as provided in division (B)(1)(b) of this section;	55
(b) Federal adjusted gross income in the case of a municipal	56
corporation that, by resolution or ordinance adopted on or before	57
December 31, 2011, adopted federal adjusted gross income as the	58
income subject to tax for purposes of imposing a tax on income.	59
(2) In the case of nonresidents, all income, salaries,	60
qualifying wages, commissions, and other compensation from	61
whatever source earned or received by the nonresident for work	62
done, services performed or rendered, or activities conducted in	63
the municipal corporation, including both of the following:	64
(a) The nonresident's distributive share of the net profit of	65
pass-through entities owned, directly or indirectly, by the	66
nonresident; and	67
(b) Any net profit of the nonresident.	68
(3) Net profit of any taxpayer that is not an individual;	69
(4) Lottery, sweepstakes, gambling and sports winnings,	70
winnings from games of chance, and prizes and awards, minus any	71
related deductions authorized under the Internal Revenue Code and	72
claimed against such winnings.	73
(C) "Exempt income" means all of the following:	74
(1) The military pay or allowances of members of the armed	75
forces of the United States or members of their reserve	76
components, including the national guard of any state;	77
(2)(a) Except as provided in division (C)(2)(b) of this	78
section, intangible income;	79

(b) A municipal corporation that taxed any type of intangible	80
income on March 29, 1988, pursuant to Section 3 of S.B. 238 of the	81
116th general assembly, may continue to tax that type of income if	82
a majority of the electors of the municipal corporation voting on	83
the question of whether to permit the taxation of that type of	84
intangible income after 1988 voted in favor thereof at an election	85
held on November 8, 1988.	86
(3) Social security benefits, railroad retirement benefits,	87
unemployment compensation, payments from pension plans, retirement	88
benefits, annuities, and similar payments made to an employee or	89
to the beneficiary of an employee under a retirement program or	90
plan, whether qualified or nonqualified, disability payments	91
received from private industry or local, state, or federal	92
governments or from charitable, religious or educational	93
organizations, and the proceeds of sickness, accident, or	94
liability insurance policies. The amounts described in division	95
(C)(3) of this section qualify as exempt income only to the extent	96
such amounts are not included in qualifying wages. As used in	97
division (C)(3) of this section, "unemployment compensation" does	98
not include supplemental unemployment compensation described in	99
section 3402(o)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.	100
(4) The income of religious, fraternal, charitable,	101
scientific, literary, or educational institutions to the extent	102
such income is derived from tax-exempt real estate, tax-exempt	103
tangible or intangible property, or tax-exempt activities.	104
(5) Compensation paid under section 3501.28 or 3501.36 of the	105
Revised Code to a person serving as a precinct election official	106
to the extent that such compensation does not exceed one thousand	107
dollars for the taxable year. Such compensation in excess of one	108
thousand dollars for the taxable year may be subject to taxation	109
by a municipal corporation. A municipal corporation shall not	110
require the payer of such compensation to withhold any tax from	111

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that compensation.	112
(6) Dues, contributions, and similar payments received by	113
charitable, religious, educational, or literary organizations or	114
labor unions, lodges, and similar organizations;	115
(7) Alimony and child support received;	116
(8) Compensation for personal injuries or for damages to	117
property from insurance proceeds or otherwise, excluding	118
compensation paid for lost salaries or wages or compensation from	119
<pre>punitive damages;</pre>	120
(9) Income of a public utility when that public utility is	121
subject to the tax levied under section 5727.24 or 5727.30 of the	122
Revised Code. Division (C)(9) of this section does not apply for	123
purposes of Chapter 5745. of the Revised Code.	124
(10) Gains from involuntary conversions, interest on federal	125
obligations, items of income subject to a tax levied by the state	126
and that a municipal corporation is specifically prohibited by law	127
from taxing, and income of a decedent's estate during the period	128
of administration except such income from the operation of a trade	129
or business;	130
(11) Compensation or allowances excluded from federal gross	131
income under section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code;	132
(12) Employee compensation that is not qualifying wages;	133
(13) Compensation paid to a person employed within the	134
boundaries of a United States air force base under the	135
jurisdiction of the United States air force that is used for the	136
housing of members of the United States air force and is a center	137
for air force operations, unless the person is subject to taxation	138
because of residence or domicile. If the compensation is subject	139
to taxation because of residence or domicile, tax on such income	140
shall be payable only to the municipal corporation of residence or	141

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domicile.	142
(14) For an individual under eighteen years of age, all	143
income except qualifying wages;	144
(15) Qualifying wages described in division (B)(1) of section	145
718.011 of the Revised Code to the extent a qualified employee is	146
not subject to withholding under division (B)(2) of that section.	147
Nothing in this division prohibits a qualified employee from	148
receiving a refund of the taxes described in division (B)(2) of	149
section 718.011 of the Revised Code.	150
(16) Income the taxation of which is prohibited by the	151
constitution or laws of the United States.	152
(D)(1) "Net profit" for a person other than an individual	153
means adjusted federal taxable income.	154
(2) "Net profit" for a person who is an individual means the	155
individual's net profit required to be reported on schedule C,	156
schedule E, or schedule F, reduced by any net operating loss	157
carried forward. For the purposes of division (D)(2) of this	158
section, the net operating loss carried forward shall be	159
calculated and applied in the same manner as provided in divisions	160
(E)(8) and (9) of this section.	161
(3) For the purposes of this chapter, and notwithstanding	162
division (D)(1) of this section, net profit of a single member	163
limited liability company shall not be taxable as against the	164
single member limited liability company, but shall instead be	165
included in the net profit of the most direct owner of the single	166
member limited liability company that is a not a single member	167
limited liability company.	168
(E) "Adjusted federal taxable income" means a C corporation's	169
federal taxable income before net operating losses and special	170
deductions as determined under the Internal Revenue Code, adjusted	171
as follows:	172

(1) Deduct intangible income to the extent included in	173
federal taxable income. The deduction shall be allowed regardless	174
of whether the intangible income relates to assets used in a trade	175
or business or assets held for the production of income.	176
(2) Add an amount equal to five per cent of intangible income	177
<u>deducted under division (E)(1) of this section, but excluding that</u>	178
portion of intangible income directly related to the sale,	179
exchange, or other disposition of property described in section	180
1221 of the Internal Revenue Code;	181
(3) Add any losses allowed as a deduction in the computation	182
of federal taxable income if the losses directly relate to the	183
sale, exchange, or other disposition of an asset described in	184
section 1221 or 1231 of the Internal Revenue Code;	185
(4)(a) Except as provided in division (E)(4)(b) of this	186
section, deduct income and gain included in federal taxable income	187
to the extent the income and gain directly relate to the sale,	188
exchange, or other disposition of an asset described in section	189
1221 or 1231 of the Internal Revenue Code;	190
(b) Division (E)(4)(a) of this section does not apply to the	191
extent the income or gain is income or gain described in section	192
1245 or 1250 of the Internal Revenue Code.	193
(5) Add taxes on or measured by net income allowed as a	194
deduction in the computation of federal taxable income;	195
(6) In the case of a real estate investment trust or	196
regulated investment company, add all amounts with respect to	197
dividends to, distributions to, or amounts set aside for or	198
credited to the benefit of investors and allowed as a deduction in	199
the computation of federal taxable income;	200
(7) Deduct, to the extent not otherwise deducted or excluded	201
in computing federal taxable income, any income derived from	202
providing public services under a contract through a project owned	203

by the state, as described in section 126.604 of the Revised Code	204
or derived from a transfer agreement or from the enterprise	205
transferred under that agreement under section 4313.02 of the	206
Revised Code;	207
(8)(a) Except as limited by divisions (E)(8)(b), (c), and (d)	208
of this section, deduct any net operating loss incurred in taxable	209
years ending in 2014 or thereafter, exclusive of any net operating	210
loss incurred in taxable years ending before January 1, 2014. The	211
amount of the net operating loss as apportioned and sitused under	212
section 718.02 of the Revised Code for the year the loss was	213
incurred shall be deducted from net profit reduced by exempt	214
income and as so apportioned and sitused for the current taxable	215
year to the extent necessary to reduce municipal taxable income to	216
zero, with the remaining unused portion of the deduction, if any,	217
carried forward to the remaining years of a designated carryover	218
period, but in no case for more years than necessary for the	219
deduction to be fully utilized.	220
(b) No taxpayer shall use the deduction allowed by division	221
(E)(8) of this section to offset qualifying wages.	222
(c)(i) For taxable years ending in calendar year 2015, a	223
taxpayer may not deduct more than twenty per cent of the amount of	224
the deduction otherwise allowed by division (E)(8)(a) of this	225
section.	226
(ii) For taxable years ending in calendar year 2016, a	227
taxpayer may not deduct more than forty per cent of the amount of	228
the deduction otherwise allowed by division (E)(8)(a) of this	229
section.	230
(iii) For taxable years ending in calendar year 2017, a	231
taxpayer may not deduct more than sixty per cent of the amount of	232
the deduction otherwise allowed by division (E)(8)(a) of this	233
section	234

(iv) For taxable years ending in calendar year 2018, a	235
taxpayer may not deduct more than eighty per cent of the amount of	236
the deduction otherwise allowed by division (E)(8)(a) of this	237
section.	238
(v) For taxable years ending in calendar year 2019 and	239
thereafter, a taxpayer may deduct the full amount allowed by	240
division (E)(8)(a) of this section.	241
(d) Any net operating loss deduction that is available under	242
division (E)(9) of this section must be utilized before a taxpayer	243
may deduct any amount pursuant to division (E)(8) of this section.	244
(e) Nothing in divisions (E)(8)(c)(i) to (v) of this section	245
prevents a taxpayer from carrying forward, for the period	246
otherwise permitted under division (E)(8)(a) of this section, any	247
amount of net operating loss that was not fully utilized by	248
operation of divisions (E)(8)(c)(i) to (v) of this section.	249
(f) As used in division (E)(8) of this section, "designated	250
carryover period" means the five consecutive taxable years after	251
the taxable year in which the net operating loss occurred.	252
(9) Deduct any net operating loss incurred in a taxable year	253
ending before January 1, 2014, to the extent such deduction was	254
permitted by a resolution or ordinance of a municipal corporation	255
adopted by the municipal corporation before January 1, 2013. Any	256
deduction taken under division (E)(9) of this section may be	257
carried forward to any taxable year, including taxable years	258
ending in 2014 or thereafter, for the number of taxable years	259
provided in the resolution or ordinance or until fully utilized,	260
whichever is earlier.	261
If the taxpayer is not a C corporation, a single member	262
limited liability company, or an individual, the taxpayer shall	263
compute adjusted federal taxable income as if the taxpayer were a	264
C corporation, except guaranteed payments and other similar	265

amounts paid or accrued to a partner, former partner, member, or	266
former member shall not be allowed as a deductible expense;	267
amounts paid or accrued to a qualified self-employed retirement	268
plan with respect to an owner or owner-employee of the taxpayer,	269
amounts paid or accrued to or for health insurance for an owner or	270
owner-employee, and amounts paid or accrued to or for life	271
insurance for an owner or owner-employee shall not be allowed as a	272
deduction.	273
Nothing in division (E) of this section shall be construed as	274
allowing the taxpayer to add or deduct any amount more than once	275
or shall be construed as allowing any taxpayer to deduct any	276
amount paid to or accrued for purposes of federal self-employment	277
tax.	278
(F) "Schedule C" means internal revenue service schedule C	279
(form 1040) filed by a taxpayer pursuant to the Internal Revenue	280
Code.	281
(G) "Schedule E" means internal revenue service schedule E	282
(form 1040) filed by a taxpayer pursuant to the Internal Revenue	283
Code.	284
(H) "Schedule F" means internal revenue service schedule F	285
(form 1040) filed by a taxpayer pursuant to the Internal Revenue	286
Code.	287
(I) "Internal Revenue Code" has the same meaning as in	288
section 5747.01 of the Revised Code.	289
(J) "Resident" means an individual who is both domiciled in	290
this state for purposes of being subject to the tax levied by	291
section 5747.02 as determined under section 5747.24 of the Revised	292
Code and domiciled in the municipal corporation.	293
(K) "Nonresident" means an individual that is not a resident.	294
(L)(1) "Taxpayer" means a person subject to a tax levied on	295

income by a municipal corporation in accordance with this chapter.	296
Except as provided in section 718.43 of the Revised Code,	297
"taxpayer" does not include any person that is a pass-through	298
entity.	299
(2)(a) A single member limited liability company that is a	300
disregarded entity for federal tax purposes may be a separate	301
taxpayer from its single member in all Ohio municipal corporations	302
in which it either filed as a separate taxpayer or did not file	303
for its taxable year ending in 2003, if all of the following	304
<pre>conditions are met:</pre>	305
(i) The limited liability company's single member is also a	306
limited liability company.	307
(ii) The limited liability company and its single member were	308
formed and doing business in one or more Ohio municipal	309
corporations for at least five years before January 1, 2004.	310
(iii) Not later than December 31, 2004, the limited liability	311
company and its single member each made an election to be treated	312
as a separate taxpayer under division (L)(2) of this section.	313
(iv) The limited liability company was not formed for the	314
purpose of evading or reducing Ohio municipal corporation income	315
tax liability of the limited liability company or its single	316
member.	317
(v) The Ohio municipal corporation that was the primary place	318
of business of the sole member of the limited liability company	319
consented to the election.	320
(b) For purposes of division (L)(2)(a)(v) of this section, a	321
municipal corporation was the primary place of business of a	322
limited liability company if, for the limited liability company's	323
taxable year ending in 2003, its income tax liability was greater	324
in that municipal corporation than in any other municipal	325
corporation in Ohio, and that tax liability to that municipal	326

corporation for its taxable year ending in 2003 was at least four	327
hundred thousand dollars.	328
(M) "Person" includes individuals, firms, companies, joint	329
stock companies, business trusts, estates, trusts, partnerships,	330
limited liability partnerships, limited liability companies,	331
associations, corporations, S corporations, governmental entities,	332
and any other entity.	333
(N) "Pass-through entity" means a partnership, limited	334
liability company, S corporation, or any other class of entity	335
from which the income or profits of the entity are given	336
pass-through treatment for federal income tax purposes.	337
"Pass-through entity" does not include a trust, estate, grantor of	338
a grantor trust, or single member limited liability company.	339
(0) "S corporation" means a corporation that has made an	340
election under subchapter S of Chapter 1 of Subtitle A of the	341
Internal Revenue Code for its taxable year.	342
(P) "Single member limited liability company" means a limited	343
liability company that has one direct owner and is treated as a	344
division of its direct or indirect owner for federal income tax	345
purposes.	346
(0) "Limited liability company" means a limited liability	347
company formed under Chapter 1705. of the Revised Code or under	348
the laws of another state.	349
(R) "Qualifying wages" means wages, as defined in section	350
3121(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, without regard to any wage	351
limitations, adjusted as follows:	352
(1) Deduct the following amounts:	353
(a) Any amount included in wages if the amount constitutes	354
compensation attributable to a plan or program described in	355
section 125 of the Internal Pevenue Code	356

(b) Any amount included in wages if the amount constitutes	357
payment on account of a disability related to sickness or an	358
accident paid by a party unrelated to the employer, agent of an	359
employer, or other payer.	360
(c) Any amount attributable to a nonqualified deferred	361
compensation plan or program described in section 3121(v)(2)(C) of	362
the Internal Revenue Code if the compensation is included in wages	363
and the municipal corporation has, by resolution or ordinance	364
adopted before January 1, 2014, exempted the amount from	365
withholding and tax.	366
(d) Any amount included in wages if the amount arises from	367
the sale, exchange, or other disposition of a stock option, the	368
exercise of a stock option, or the sale, exchange, or other	369
disposition of stock purchased under a stock option and the	370
municipal corporation has, by resolution or ordinance adopted	371
before January 1, 2014, exempted the amount from withholding and	372
tax.	373
(2) Add the following amounts:	374
(a) Any amount not included in wages solely because the	375
employee was employed by the employer before April 1, 1986.	376
(b) Any amount not included in wages because the amount	377
arises from the sale, exchange, or other disposition of a stock	378
option, the exercise of a stock option, or the sale, exchange, or	379
other disposition of stock purchased under a stock option and the	380
municipal corporation has not, by resolution or ordinance,	381
exempted the amount from withholding and tax adopted before	382
January 1, 2014. Division (R)(2)(b) of this section applies only	383
to those amounts constituting ordinary income.	384
(c) Any amount not included in wages if the amount is an	385
amount described in section 401(k) or 457 of the Internal Revenue	386
Code Division (P)(2)(c) of this section applies only to employee	387

contributions and employee deferrals.	388
(d) Any amount that is supplemental unemployment compensation	389
benefits described in section 3402(o)(2) of the Internal Revenue	390
Code and not included in wages.	391
(e) Any amount received by a religious leader as part of the	392
<u>leader's religious duties that are treated as self-employment</u>	393
income for federal tax purposes in accordance with section 1402 of	394
the Internal Revenue Code.	395
(3) Except as otherwise provided in divisions (R)(2)(a) of	396
this section and division (F) of section 718.03 of the Revised	397
Code, no amount shall be deducted on the basis that the amount is	398
<pre>exempt income.</pre>	399
(S) "Intangible income" means income of any of the following	400
types: income yield, interest, capital gains, dividends, or other	401
income arising from the ownership, sale, exchange, or other	402
disposition of intangible property including, but not limited to,	403
investments, deposits, money, or credits as those terms are	404
defined in Chapter 5701. of the Revised Code, and patents,	405
copyrights, trademarks, tradenames, investments in real estate	406
investment trusts, investments in regulated investment companies,	407
and appreciation on deferred compensation. "Intangible income"	408
does not include income reported by a taxpayer on schedule C,	409
schedule E, or schedule F, prizes, awards, or other income	410
associated with any lottery winnings, gambling winnings, or other	411
similar games of chance.	412
(T) "Taxable year" means the corresponding tax reporting	413
period as prescribed for the taxpayer under the Internal Revenue	414
Code.	415
(U) "Tax administrator" means the individual charged with	416
direct responsibility for administration of an income tax levied	417
by a municipal corporation in accordance with this chapter, and	418

also includes the following:	419
(1) A municipal corporation acting as the agent of another	420
municipal corporation;	421
(2) A person retained by a municipal corporation to	422
administer a tax levied by the municipal corporation, but only if	423
the municipal corporation does not compensate the person in whole	424
or in part on a contingency basis;	425
(3) The central collection agency or the regional income tax	426
agency or their successors in interest, or another entity	427
organized to perform functions similar to those performed by the	428
central collection agency and the regional income tax agency, if,	429
in any case, the agency or entity administers municipal income	430
taxes on behalf of at least thirty-one municipal corporations and	431
collects aggregate municipal income tax in excess of one hundred	432
million dollars per calendar year.	433
(V) "Employer" means a person that is an employer for federal	434
income tax purposes.	435
(W) "Employee" means an individual who is an employee for	436
federal income tax purposes.	437
(X) "Other payer" means any person, other than an	438
individual's employer or the employer's agent, that pays an	439
individual any amount included in the federal gross income of the	440
individual, including casino operators and video lottery terminal	441
sales agents.	442
(Y) "Calendar quarter" means the three-month period ending on	443
the last day of March, June, September, or December.	444
(Z) "Form 1099-misc" means internal revenue service form	445
1099-misc filed by a person for the purpose of reporting paid	446
miscellaneous income pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code.	447
(AA) "Municipal corporation" includes a joint economic	448

development district or joint economic development zone that	449
levies an income tax under section 715.691, 715.70, 715.71, or	450
715.74 of the Revised Code.	451
(BB) "Audit" means the examination of a taxpayer or the	452
inspection of the books, records, memoranda, or accounts of a	453
taxpayer for the purpose of determining liability for a tax.	454
(CC) "Generic form" means an electronic or paper form	455
designed for reporting taxes withheld by an employer, agent of an	456
employer, other payer, or pass-through entity, estimated municipal	457
income taxes, or annual municipal income tax liability or for	458
filing a refund claim that is prescribed by the municipal tax	459
policy board pursuant to section 718.26 of the Revised Code or	460
otherwise includes all the information required by the municipal	461
tax policy board on the corresponding generic form.	462
(DD) "Return preparer" means any individual described in	463
section 7701(a)(36) of the Internal Revenue Code and 26 C.F.R.	464
301.7701-15.	465
(EE) "Ohio business gateway" means the online computer	466
network system, created under section 125.30 of the Revised Code,	467
that allows persons to electronically file business reply forms	468
with state agencies and includes any successor electronic filing	469
and payment system.	470
(FF) "Local board of tax review" and "board of tax review"	471
mean the entity created under section 718.11 of the Revised Code.	472
(GG) "Municipal tax policy board" means the board created in	473
section 718.42 of the Revised Code.	474
(HH) "Casino operator" and "casino facility" have the same	475
meanings as in section 3772.01 of the Revised Code.	476
(II) "Video lottery terminal" has the same meaning as in	477
section 3770.21 of the Revised Code.	478

(JJ) "Video lottery terminal sales agent" means a lottery	479
sales agent licensed under Chapter 3770. of the Revised Code to	480
conduct video lottery terminals on behalf of the state pursuant to	481
section 3770.21 of the Revised Code.	482
(KK) "Postal service" means the United States postal service.	483
(LL) "Certified mail," "express mail," "United States mail,"	484
"postal service," and similar terms include any delivery service	485
authorized by the tax commissioner pursuant to section 5703.056 of	486
the Revised Code.	487
(MM) "Postmark date," "date of postmark," and similar terms	488
include the date recorded and marked in the manner described in	489
division (B)(3) of section 5703.056 of the Revised Code.	490
(NN) "Last known address" and "undeliverable address" have	491
the same meanings as in section 5703.37 of the Revised Code.	492
(00) "Related member" has the same meaning as in section	493
5733.042 of the Revised Code.	494
Sec. 718.011. (A) As used in this section:	495
(1) "Employer" includes a person that is a related member to	496
or of an employer.	497
(2) "Professional athlete" means an athlete who performs	498
services in a professional athletic event for wages or other	499
remuneration.	500
(3) "Professional entertainer" means a person who performs	501
services in the professional performing arts for wages or other	502
remuneration on a per-event basis.	503
(4) "Public figure" means a person of prominence who performs	504
services at discrete events, such as speeches, public appearances,	505
or similar events, for wages or other remuneration on a per-event	506
basis.	507

(5) "Principal place of work" means the location at which an	508
employee spends the greatest number of days in a calendar year	509
performing services for the employee's employer or the location at	510
which the employee reports for employment duties on the greatest	511
number of days in a calendar year. For the purposes of this	512
division, the location at which an employee spends a particular	513
day shall be determined in accordance with division (B)(2) of this	514
section, except that "location" shall be substituted for	515
"municipal corporation" wherever "municipal corporation" appears	516
in that division.	517
(B)(1) An employer is not required to withhold municipal	518
income tax on qualifying wages paid to an employee for the	519
performance of personal services in a municipal corporation that	520
imposes such a tax if the employee performed such services in the	521
municipal corporation on twenty or fewer days in a calendar year,	522
unless one of the following conditions applies:	523
(a) The employee's principal place of work is located in the	524
municipal corporation.	525
(b) The employee is a resident of the municipal corporation	526
and has requested that the employer withhold tax from the	527
employee's qualifying wages as provided in section 718.03 of the	528
Revised Code.	529
(c) The employee is a professional athlete, professional	530
entertainer, or public figure, and the qualifying wages are paid	531
for the performance of services in the employee's capacity as a	532
professional athlete, professional entertainer, or public figure.	533
(2) For the purposes of division (B)(1) of this section, an	534
employee shall be considered to have spent a day performing	535
services in a municipal corporation only if a majority of the time	536
that the employee spent performing services for or on behalf of	537
the employer on that day was spent in the municipal corporation.	538

When determining the amount of time an employee spent in a	539
particular location, the time spent performing any of the	540
following activities shall be considered to have been spent at the	541
employee's principal place of work:	542
(a) Traveling to the location at which the employee will	543
first perform services for the employer for the day;	544
(b) Traveling from a location at which the employee was	545
performing services for the employer to any other location;	546
(c) Traveling from any location to another location in order	547
to pick up or load, for the purpose of transportation or delivery,	548
property that has been purchased, sold, assembled, fabricated,	549
repaired, refurbished, processed, remanufactured, or improved by	550
the employee's employer;	551
(d) Transporting or delivering property described in division	552
(B)(2)(c) of this section, provided that, upon delivery of the	553
property, the employee does not temporarily or permanently affix	554
the property to real estate owned, used, or controlled by a person	555
other than the employee's employer;	556
(e) Traveling from the location at which the employee makes	557
the employee's final delivery or pick-up for the day to either the	558
employee's principal place of work or a location at which the	559
employee will not perform services for the employer.	560
(C) If the principal place of work of an employee who	561
performs services in a municipal corporation as described in	562
division (B)(1) of this section is located in another municipal	563
corporation that imposes an income tax, division (B)(1) of this	564
section shall apply to the withholding of the employee's	565
qualifying wages only if the employer withholds and reports tax on	566
such qualifying wages to the municipal corporation in which the	567
employee's principal place of work is located.	568
(D) If an employee exceeds the twenty-day threshold described	569

in division (B)(1) of this section during a calendar year, the	570
employer shall begin withholding tax for any subsequent days on	571
which the employer pays qualifying wages to the employee for	572
personal services performed in the municipal corporation.	573
(E) Nothing in this section shall limit the ability of a tax	574
administrator to enter into an agreement with an employer	575
regarding the manner in which the employer shall comply with the	576
requirements of section 718.03 of the Revised Code.	577
Sec. 718.02. This section does not apply to taxpayers that	578
are subject to and required to file reports under Chapter 5745. of	579
the Revised Code. This section applies to any taxpayer engaged in	580
a business or profession, or any professional athlete that	581
performs services for a professional athletic team, in a municipal	582
corporation that imposes an income tax in accordance with this	583
chapter, unless the taxpayer or professional athlete is an	584
individual who resides in the municipal corporation or the	585
taxpayer is an electric company, combined company, or telephone	586
company that is subject to and required to file reports under	587
Chapter 5745. of the Revised Code.	588
(A) Except as otherwise provided in division $\frac{(D)}{(B)}$ and $\frac{(G)}{(B)}$	589
of this section, net profit from a business or profession	590
conducted both within and without the boundaries of a municipal	591
corporation shall be considered as having a taxable situs in such	592
the municipal corporation for purposes of municipal income	593
taxation in the same proportion as the average ratio of the	594
following:	595
(1) The average original cost of the real and tangible	596
personal property owned or used by the taxpayer in the business or	597
profession in such the municipal corporation during the taxable	598
period to the average original cost of all of the real and	599
tangible personal property owned or used by the taxpayer in the	600

business or profession during the same period, wherever situated.	601
As used in the preceding paragraph, real and tangible	602
personal property shall include property rented or leased by the	603
taxpayer and the value of such property shall be determined by	604
multiplying the annual rental thereon by eight;	605
(2) Wages, salaries, and other compensation paid during the	606
taxable period to persons individuals employed in the business or	607
profession for services performed in such the municipal	608
corporation to wages, salaries, and other compensation paid during	609
the same period to persons <u>individuals</u> employed in the business or	610
profession, wherever their the individual's services are	611
performed, excluding compensation that is not taxable by the	612
municipal corporation under section 718.011 described in division	613
(C)(15) of section 718.01 of the Revised Code;	614
(3) Gross Total gross receipts of the business or profession	615
from sales <u>and rentals</u> made and services performed during the	616
taxable period in such the municipal corporation to total gross	617
receipts of the business or profession during the same period from	618
sales, rentals, and services, wherever made or performed.	619
If the foregoing apportionment formula does not produce an	620
equitable result, another basis may be substituted, under uniform	621
regulations, so as to produce an equitable result.	622
(B) As used in division (A) of this section, "sales made in a	623
municipal corporation" mean:	624
(1) All sales of tangible personal property delivered within	625
such municipal corporation regardless of where title passes if	626
shipped or delivered from a stock of goods within such municipal	627
corporation;	628
(2) All sales of tangible personal property delivered within	629
such municipal corporation regardless of where title passes even	630
though transported from a point outside such municipal gorneration	631

if the taxpayer is regularly engaged through its own employees in	632
the solicitation or promotion of sales within such municipal	633
corporation and the sales result from such solicitation or	634
promotion;	635
(3) All sales of tangible personal property shipped from a	636
place within such municipal corporation to purchasers outside such	637
municipal corporation regardless of where title passes if the	638
taxpayer is not, through its own employees, regularly engaged in	639
the solicitation or promotion of sales at the place where delivery	640
is made.	641
(C) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) of this	642
section, net (B) If the apportionment factors described in	643
division (A) of this section do not fairly represent the extent of	644
a taxpayer's business activity in a municipal corporation, the tax	645
administrator of the municipal corporation may require or allow	646
the taxpayer to use, with respect to all or any portion of the	647
income of the taxpayer, an alternative apportionment method	648
involving one or more of the following:	649
(1) Separate accounting;	650
(2) The exclusion of one or more of the factors;	651
(3) The inclusion of one or more additional factors that	652
would provide for a more fair apportionment of the income of the	653
taxpayer to the municipal corporation;	654
(4) A modification of one or more of the factors.	655
A taxpayer may request to use an alternative apportionment	656
method under this division by submitting a request to the tax	657
administrator. The request shall be in writing and shall accompany	658
the taxpayer's tax return or a petition for reassessment or an	659
amended tax return.	660
A taxpayer may not use an alternative apportionment method	661

without the approval of the tax administrator. Once approved, the	662
alternative method shall apply only to the taxable years included	663
in the taxpayer's request unless the tax administrator provides	664
otherwise in writing. The tax administrator may deny a request to	665
use an alternative method under this section only by issuing an	666
assessment pursuant to section 718.12 of the Revised Code.	667
Nothing in this section prohibits a taxpayer that requests	668
the use of an alternative method in one or more taxable years from	669
requesting the use of an alternative method in any other taxable	670
year. The approval or denial of a taxpayer's request to use an	671
alternative method in one taxable year shall not limit the	672
authority of the tax administrator to approve or deny requests	673
from the same taxpayer with respect to other taxable years.	674
(C) As used in division (A)(2) of this section, "wages,	675
salaries, and other compensation" includes only wages, salaries,	676
or other compensation paid to an employee for services performed	677
at one of the following locations:	678
(1) A location that is owned, controlled, or used by, rented	679
to, or under the possession of one of the following:	680
(a) The employer;	681
(b) A vendor, customer, client, or patient of the employer,	682
or a related member of such a vendor, customer, client, or	683
patient;	684
(c) A vendor, customer, client, or patient of a person	685
described in division (C)(1)(b) of this section, or a related	686
member of such a vendor, customer, client, or patient.	687
(2) Any location at which a trial, appeal, hearing,	688
investigation, inquiry, review, court-martial, or similar	689
administrative, judicial, or legislative matter or proceeding is	690
being conducted, provided that the compensation is paid for	691
services performed for or on behalf of the employer or that the	692

employee's presence at the location directly or indirectly	693
benefits the employer;	694
(3) Any other location, if the tax administrator determines	695
that the employer directed the employee to perform the services at	696
the other location in lieu of a location described in division	697
(C)(1) or (2) of this section in order to avoid or reduce the	698
employer's municipal income tax liability. If a tax administrator	699
makes such a determination, the employer may dispute the	700
determination by establishing, by a preponderance of the evidence,	701
that the tax administrator's determination was unreasonable.	702
(D) For the purposes of division (A)(3) of this section,	703
receipts from sales and rentals made and services performed shall	704
be sitused to a municipal corporation as follows:	705
(1) Gross receipts from the sale of tangible personal	706
property shall be sitused to the municipal corporation if the	707
property is received in the municipal corporation by the	708
purchaser. In the case of delivery of tangible personal property	709
by common carrier or by other means of transportation, the place	710
at which title to such property is transferred to the buyer shall	711
be considered the place where the purchaser receives the property.	712
(2) Gross receipts from the sale of services shall be sitused	713
to the municipal corporation in the proportion that the	714
purchaser's benefit in the municipal corporation with respect to	715
the sale bears to the purchaser's benefit everywhere with respect	716
to the sale. The physical location where the purchaser ultimately	717
uses or receives the benefit of what was purchased shall be	718
paramount in determining the proportion of the benefit in the	719
municipal corporation to the benefit everywhere.	720
(3) To the extent included in income, gross receipts from the	721
sale of real property located in the municipal corporation shall	722
be sitused to that municipal corporation.	723

(4) To the extent included in income, gross receipts from	724
rents and royalties from real property located in the municipal	725
corporation shall be sitused to that municipal corporation.	726
(5) Gross receipts from rents and royalties from tangible	727
personal property shall be sitused to the municipal corporation	728
based upon the extent to which the tangible personal property is	729
used in that municipal corporation.	730
(E) Net profit from rental activity not constituting a	731
business or profession shall be subject to tax only by the	732
municipal corporation in which the property generating the net	733
profit is located.	734
(D) This section does not apply to individuals who are	735
residents of the municipal corporation and, except as otherwise	736
provided in section 718.01 of the Revised Code, a municipal	737
corporation may impose a tax on all income earned by residents of	738
the municipal corporation to the extent allowed by the United	739
States Constitution.	740
(E) If, in computing the taxpayer's adjusted federal taxable	741
income, the taxpayer deducted any amount with respect to a stock	742
option granted to an employee, and if the employee is not required	743
to include in income any amount or any portion thereof because it	744
is exempted from taxation under division (H)(10) of section 718.01	745
of the Revised Code and division (A)(2)(d) of section 718.03 of	746
the Revised Code by a municipal corporation to which the taxpayer	747
has apportioned a portion of its net profit, the taxpayer shall	748
add the amount that is exempt from taxation to the taxpayer's net	749
profit that was apportioned to that municipal corporation. In no	750
case shall a taxpayer be required to add to its net profit that	751
was apportioned to that municipal corporation any amount other	752
than the amount upon which the employee would be required to pay	753
tax were the amount related to the stock option not exempted from	754
taxation.	755

This division applies solely for the purpose of making an	756
adjustment to the amount of a taxpayer's net profit that was	757
apportioned to a municipal corporation under divisions (A) and (B)	758
of this section.	759
A municipal corporation shall allow taxpayers to elect to use	760
separate accounting for the purpose of calculating net profit	761
sitused to the municipal corporation under this division, but	762
shall permit such an election only if the taxpayer makes the same	763
election in every municipal corporation in which the taxpayer must	764
report such net profit for the taxable year and if the taxpayer	765
agrees to use separate accounting with respect to such net profit	766
for at least five consecutive taxable years after making the	767
election.	768
(F)(1) As used in this division:	769
(a) "Professional athlete" has the same meaning as in section	770
718.011 of the Revised Code.	771
(b) "Duty days" means every day on which a professional	772
athlete performs services for a professional athletic team,	773
including, but not limited to, any day on which the team competes	774
or is scheduled to compete in a regular or post-season game,	775
practice days, days on which team meetings are held, promotional	776
days, pre-season training camp days, off-season team mini-camp	777
days, and days on which work-out or rehabilitation activities are	778
conducted at team facilities.	779
(2) The income that a professional athlete receives for	780
services performed for a professional athletic team shall be	781
sitused to a municipal corporation based upon the ratio of the	782
number of duty days the professional athlete spent in the	783
municipal corporation to the total number of duty days spent both	784
within and outside of the municipal corporation during the taxable	785
<u>year.</u>	786

(G) Net profit relating to the sales and commissions of a	787
real estate agent or broker shall be sitused to a municipal	788
corporation based upon the ratio of the commissions the agent or	789
broker received from sales of real estate located in the municipal	790
corporation to the commissions received from sales of real estate	791
everywhere in the taxable year.	792
Sec. 718.03. (A) As used in this section:	793
(1) "Other payer" means any person, other than an	794
individual's employer or the employer's agent, that pays an	795
individual any amount included in the federal gross income of the	796
individual.	797
(2) "Qualifying wages" means wages, as defined in section	798
3121(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, without regard to any wage	799
limitations, adjusted as follows:	800
(a) Deduct the following amounts:	801
(i) Any amount included in wages if the amount constitutes	802
compensation attributable to a plan or program described in	803
section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code;	804
(ii) For purposes of division (B) of this section, any amount	805
included in wages if the amount constitutes payment on account of	806
sickness or accident disability.	807
(b) Add the following amounts:	808
(i) Any amount not included in wages solely because the	809
employee was employed by the employer prior to April 1, 1986;	810
(ii) Any amount not included in wages because the amount	811
arises from the sale, exchange, or other disposition of a stock	812
option, the exercise of a stock option, or the sale, exchange, or	813
other disposition of stock purchased under a stock option and the	814
municipal corporation has not, by resolution or ordinance,	815
exempted the amount from withholding and tax. Division	816

(A)(2)(b)(ii) of this section applies only to those amounts	817
constituting ordinary income.	818
(iii) Any amount not included in wages if the amount is an	819
amount described in section 401(k) or 457 of the Internal Revenue	820
Code. Division (A)(2)(b)(iii) of this section applies only to	821
employee contributions and employee deferrals.	822
(iv) Any amount that is supplemental unemployment	823
compensation benefits described in section 3402(o)(2) of the	824
Internal Revenue Code and not included in wages.	825
(c) Deduct any amount attributable to a nonqualified deferred	826
compensation plan or program described in section 3121(v)(2)(C) of	827
the Internal Revenue Code if the compensation is included in wages	828
and has, by resolution or ordinance, been exempted from taxation	829
by the municipal corporation.	830
(d) Deduct any amount included in wages if the amount arises	831
from the sale, exchange, or other disposition of a stock option,	832
the exercise of a stock option, or the sale, exchange, or other	833
disposition of stock purchased under a stock option and the	834
municipal corporation has, by resolution or ordinance, exempted	835
the amount from withholding and tax.	836
(B) Except as provided in division (F) of this section, for	837
taxable years beginning after 2003, no municipal corporation shall	838
require any employer or any agent of any employer or any other	839
payer, to withhold tax with respect to any amount other than	840
qualifying wages. Nothing in this section prohibits an employer	841
from withholding tax on a basis greater than qualifying wages.	842
(C) Each employer, agent of an employer, or other payer	843
located or doing business in a municipal corporation that imposes	844
a tax on income in accordance with this chapter shall withhold	845
from each employee an amount equal to the qualifying wages of the	846
employee earned by the employee in the municipal corporation	847

multiplied by the applicable rate of the municipal corporation's	848
income tax, except for qualifying wages for which withholding is	849
not required under division (D) or (F) of this section or section	850
718.011 of the Revised Code. An employer, agent of an employer, or	851
other payer shall deduct and withhold the tax from qualifying	852
wages on the date that the employer, agent, or other payer	853
directly, indirectly, or constructively pays the qualifying wages	854
to, or credits the qualifying wages to the benefit of, the	855
<pre>employee.</pre>	856
An employer, agent of an employer, or other payer may deduct	857
and withhold, on the request of an employee, taxes for the	858
municipal corporation in which the employee is a resident.	859
(B) An employer, agent of an employer, or other payer shall	860
remit to the tax administrator of a municipal corporation income	861
taxes deducted and withheld or required to be deducted and	862
withheld by the employer, agent, or other payer according to the	863
following schedule:	864
(1) Taxes deducted and withheld shall be remitted semimonthly	865
to the tax administrator if the total taxes deducted and withheld	866
by the employer, agent, or other payer on behalf of the municipal	867
corporation in the preceding calendar year exceeded eleven	868
thousand nine hundred ninety-nine dollars, or if the total amount	869
of taxes deducted and withheld on behalf of the municipal	870
corporation in any month of the preceding calendar quarter	871
exceeded one thousand dollars. Payment under division (B)(1) of	872
this section shall be made so that they are received by the tax	873
administrator not later than three banking days after the	874
fifteenth and the last day of each month.	875
(2) If not required to be remitted in accordance with	876
division (B)(1) of this section, taxes deducted and withheld shall	877
be remitted monthly to the tax administrator if the total taxes	878
deducted and withheld by the employer, agent, or other payer on	879

behalf of the municipal corporation in the preceding calendar year	880
did not exceed eleven thousand nine hundred ninety-nine dollars	881
but did exceed two thousand three hundred ninety-nine dollars, or	882
if the total amount of taxes deducted and withheld on behalf of	883
the municipal corporation in any month of the preceding calendar	884
quarter did not exceed one thousand dollars, but exceeded two	885
hundred dollars. Payment under division (B)(2) of this section	886
shall be made so that they are received by the tax administrator	887
not later than fifteen days after the last day of each month.	888
(3) Any employer, agent of an employer, or other payer not	889
required to make payments of taxes deducted and withheld under	890
division (B)(1) or (2) of this section shall make quarterly	891
payments to the tax administrator not later than the last day of	892
the month following the end of the last day of each calendar	893
quarter.	894
(C) An employer, agent of an employer, or other payer shall	895
make and file a return on forms prescribed by the municipal tax	896
policy board pursuant to section 718.42 of the Revised Code,	897
showing the amount of tax withheld by the employer, agent, or	898
other payer from the qualifying wages of each employee and	899
remitted to the tax administrator. A return filed by an employer,	900
agent, or other payer under this division shall be accepted by a	901
tax administrator and municipal corporation as the return required	902
of an employee whose sole income subject to the tax under this	903
chapter is the qualifying wages reported by the employee's	904
employer, agent of an employer, or other payer.	905
(D) An employer, agent of an employer, or other payer is not	906
required to make any withholding withhold municipal income tax	907
with respect to an individual's disqualifying disposition of an	908
incentive stock option if, at the time of the disqualifying	909
disposition, the individual is not an employee of <u>either</u> the	910
corporation with respect to whose stock the option has been issued	911

or of such corporation's successor entity.	912
$\frac{(D)(E)}{(E)}(1)$ An employee is not relieved from liability for a	913
tax by the failure of the employer, agent of an employer, or other	914
<u>payer</u> to withhold the tax as required by a municipal corporation	915
under this chapter or by the employer's, agent's, or other payer's	916
exemption from the requirement to withhold the tax.	917
(2) The failure of an employer, agent of an employer, or	918
other payer to remit to the municipal corporation the tax withheld	919
relieves the employee from liability for that tax unless the	920
employee colluded with the employer, agent, or other payer in	921
connection with the failure to remit the tax withheld.	922
$\frac{(E)(F)}{(F)}$ Compensation deferred before June 26, 2003, is not	923
subject to any municipal corporation income tax or municipal	924
income tax withholding requirement to the extent the deferred	925
compensation does not constitute qualifying wages at the time the	926
deferred compensation is paid or distributed.	927
(F) A municipal corporation may require a (G) A casino	928
facility or a , casino operator , as defined in Section 6(C)(9) of	929
Article XV, Ohio Constitution, and section 3772.01 of the Revised	930
Code, respectively , or a <u>video</u> lottery <u>terminal</u> sales agent	931
conducting video lottery terminals on behalf of the state to shall	932
withhold and remit <u>municipal income</u> tax with respect to amounts	933
other than qualifying wages in the manner described in sections	934
5747.063 and 5747.064 of the Revised Code.	935
(H) Each employer, agent of an employer, or other payer	936
required to withhold taxes is liable for the payment of that	937
amount required to be withheld, whether or not such taxes have in	938
fact been withheld, and such amount shall be deemed to be held in	939
trust for the municipal corporation until such time as the	940
withheld amount is remitted to the tax administrator.	941
(I) On or before the twenty-eighth day of February of each	942

(K) The officer or the employee of the employer, agent of an	963
employer, or other payer with control or direct supervision of or	964
charged with the responsibility for withholding the tax or filing	965
the reports and making payments as required by this section, shall	966
be personally liable for a failure to file a report or pay the tax	967
due as required by this section. The dissolution of an employer,	968
agent of an employer, or other payer does not discharge the	969
officer's or employee's liability for a failure of the employer,	970
agent of an employer, or other payer to file returns or pay any	971
tax due.	972

income only in accordance with the limitations specified in this	974
chapter. On or after January 1, 2014, no municipal corporation	975
shall levy such a tax unless the ordinance or resolution levying	976
the tax, as adopted or amended by the legislative authority of the	977
municipal corporation, states all of the following:	978
(1) That the tax is an annual tax levied on the income of	979
every person residing in or earning or receiving income in the	980
municipal corporation and that the tax shall be measured by	981
municipal taxable income;	982
(2) That the municipal corporation is levying the tax in	983
accordance with the limitations specified in this chapter and that	984
the resolution or ordinance thereby incorporates, by reference,	985
the provisions of this chapter;	986
(3) The rate of the tax;	987
(4) Whether, and the extent to which, a credit will be	988
allowed against the tax as described in division (E) of this	989
section;	990
(5) The purpose or purposes of the tax;	991
(6) Any other provision necessary for the administration of	992
the tax, provided that the provision does not conflict with any	993
provision of this chapter or any rule adopted by the municipal tax	994
policy board pursuant to this chapter.	995
(B) Before January 1, 2014, the legislative authority of each	996
municipal corporation that levies a municipal income tax that	997
would otherwise be in effect on that date shall take one of the	998
following actions:	999
(1) Repeal the ordinance or resolution that levies the tax;	1000
(2) Amend the ordinance or resolution that levies the tax to	1001
include the provisions described in division (A) of this section	1002
and to otherwise comply with the limitations specified in this	1003

chapter.	1004
Any municipal income tax ordinance or resolution that is not	1005
repealed or amended as provided in this division before January 1,	1006
2014, shall be considered to be repealed on December 31, 2013, and	1007
the municipal corporation that adopted the ordinance or resolution	1008
shall not enforce the ordinance or resolution after that date.	1009
(C) Any municipal corporation that, on or before the	1010
effective date of the enactment of this section, levies an income	1011
tax at a rate in excess of one per cent and that amends the	1012
ordinance or resolution levying the tax as provided in division	1013
(B)(2) of this section may continue to levy the tax at the rate	1014
specified in the original resolution, provided that such rate	1015
continues in effect only for the taxable years specified in the	1016
original ordinance or resolution. Any such municipal corporation	1017
that repeals an ordinance or resolution as provided in division	1018
(B)(1) of this section may, notwithstanding division (D)(2) of	1019
this section, enact a new ordinance or resolution under division	1020
(A) of this section that levies a tax at the same rate specified	1021
in the repealed ordinance or resolution, provided that the tax is	1022
levied at such rate only for the taxable years specified in the	1023
repealed ordinance or resolution and that the municipal	1024
corporation adopts the new ordinance or resolution on or before	1025
<u>December 31, 2014.</u>	1026
(D)(1) No municipal corporation shall tax income at other	1027
than a uniform rate.	1028
(2) Except as provided in division (C) of this section, no	1029
municipal corporation shall levy a tax on income at a rate in	1030
excess of one per cent without having obtained the approval of the	1031
excess by a majority of the electors of the municipality voting on	1032
the question at a general, primary, or special election. The	1033
legislative authority of the municipal corporation shall file with	1034
the board of elections at least ninety days before the day of the	1035

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election a copy of the ordinance together with a resolution				1036
specifying the date the election is to be held and directing the				1037
board of elections to conduct the election. The ballot shall be in				1038
the following form: "Shall the Ordinance providing for a per				1039
cent levy on income for (Brief description of the purpose of the				1040
proposed levy) be passed?				1041
				1042
		FOR THE INCOME TAX		1043
		AGAINST THE INCOME TAX	<u>"</u>	1044
_				1045
In the event of an	n aff	irmative vote, the proceeds	of the levy may	1046
be used only for the specified purpose.				1047
(E) A municipal corporation may, by ordinance or resolution,				1048
grant a credit to residents of the municipal corporation for all				1049
or a portion of the taxes the resident paid to other municipal				1050
corporations, in this state or elsewhere, on income the resident				1051
earned or received in the other municipal corporations.				1052
(F) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a municipal				1053
corporation that levies an income tax in effect for taxable years				1054
ending before January 1, 2014, may continue to administer and				1055
enforce the provisions of such tax for all taxable years ending				1056
before January 1, 2014, provided that the provisions of such tax				1057
are consistent with this chapter as it existed prior to the				1058
effective date of the enactment of this section.				1059
(G) Nothing in this chapter authorizes a municipal				1060
corporation to levy a tax on income or net profit, or to				1061
administer or collect such a tax or penalties or interest related				1062
to such a tax, contrary to the limitations specified in this				1063
<pre>chapter.</pre>				1064

Sec. 718.05. An annual return with respect to the income tax

<u>levied by a municipal corporation shall be made by every taxpayer</u>	1066		
for any taxable year for which the taxpayer is liable for the tax.	1067		
If the total credit allowed against the tax as described in	1068		
division (E) of section 718.04 of the Revised Code for the year is			
equal to or exceeds the tax imposed by the municipal corporation,	1070		
no return shall be required unless the municipal ordinance or			
resolution levying the tax requires the filing of a return in such	1072		
circumstances.	1073		
(A) If an individual is deceased, any return or notice	1074		
required of that individual shall be made and filed by that			
decedent's executor, administrator, or other person charged with			
the property of that decedent.	1077		
(B) If an individual is unable to make a return or notice	1078		
required by a municipal corporation in accordance with this			
chapter, the return or notice required of that individual shall be			
made and filed by the individual's duly authorized agent,	1081		
guardian, conservator, fiduciary, or other person charged with the			
care of the person or property of that individual.	1083		
(C) Returns or notices required of an estate or a trust shall	1084		
be made and filed by the fiduciary of the estate or trust.			
(D) No municipal corporation shall deny spouses the ability	1086		
to file a joint return.	1087		
(E) Each return or notice required to be filed under this	1088		
section shall contain the signature of the taxpayer or the			
taxpayer's duly authorized agent and of the person who prepared	1090		
the return for the taxpayer, and shall include the taxpayer's			
social security number or taxpayer identification number. Each	1092		
return shall be verified by a declaration under the penalties of	1093		
perjury in accordance with division (H) of section 718.42 of the			
Revised Code.	1095		
(F)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, each	1096		

return or notice required to be filed under this section shall be	1097
made and filed as required by the tax administrator on or before	1098
the date prescribed for the filing of state income tax returns and	1099
notices under division (G) of section 5747.08 of the Revised Code.	1100
The taxpayer shall make and file the return or notice on forms	1101
prescribed by the municipal tax policy board or on generic forms,	1102
together with remittance made payable to the municipal corporation	1103
or tax administrator. No remittance is required if the amount	1104
shown to be due is five dollars or less.	1105
(2) Any taxpayer that is subject to a municipal corporation's	1106
income tax and that has received an extension to file a federal	1107
income tax return shall not be required to notify the municipal	1108
corporation of the federal extension and shall not be required to	1109
file any municipal income tax return that relates to the same tax	1110
period to which the federal extension relates until the due date	1111
to which the filing of the federal return has been extended. An	1112
extension of time to file under this division is not an extension	1113
of the time to pay any tax due. Upon the filing of the municipal	1114
income tax return, the taxpayer shall include a copy of the	1115
request for the federal filing extension.	1116
(3) If a taxpayer does not request and obtain a federal	1117
extension as described in division (F)(2) of this section, the	1118
taxpayer may request an extension of time to file a municipal	1119
income tax return by filing the request through the Ohio business	1120
gateway or directly with the tax administrator of the municipal	1121
corporation with which the return is required to be filed.	1122
Upon good cause shown, the tax administrator may extend the	1123
period for filing any notice or return. If the extension results	1124
in an extension of time for the payment of any tax liability with	1125
respect to which the return is filed, the tax administrator may	1126
require the taxpayer to pay at the time the tax liability is paid	1127
an amount of interest computed at the rate per annum prescribed by	1128

section 5703.47 of the Revised Code on that liability from the	1129
time that payment is due without extension to the time of actual	1130
payment.	1131
(4) In order to facilitate the filing of extension requests,	1132
the tax commissioner and the Ohio business gateway steering	1133
committee shall take all steps necessary to provide taxpayers with	1134
the ability to file such requests through the Ohio business	1135
gateway and to notify tax administrators when such requests are	1136
<u>filed.</u>	1137
(5) If the tax administrator considers it necessary in order	1138
to ensure the payment of the tax imposed by the municipal	1139
corporation in accordance with this chapter, the tax administrator	1140
may require returns and payments to be made otherwise than as	1141
provided in this section.	1142
(6) To the extent that any provision in this division	1143
conflicts with any provision in section 718.052 of the Revised	1144
Code, the provision in that section prevails.	1145
(G)(1) For taxable years beginning after 2013, a municipal	1146
corporation shall not require a taxpayer to file a return with	1147
respect to net profits if divisions (G)(1)(a) and (b) apply and,	1148
if the taxpayer is an individual, division (G)(1)(c) applies:	1149
(a) The average ratio of the taxpayer's total net profit to	1150
the portion of such net profit apportioned to the municipal	1151
corporation as computed under section 718.02 of the Revised Code	1152
is less than one per cent;	1153
(b) The amount of tax due to the municipal corporation from	1154
the taxpayer is less than fifty dollars;	1155
(c) The taxpayer's qualifying wages for the municipal	1156
corporation are less than fifty thousand dollars.	1157
(2) Any taxpayer not required to file a tax return with a	1158

municipal corporation for a taxable year pursuant to division	1159
(G)(1) of this section shall file with the municipal corporation	1160
an affidavit exemption form. The municipal tax policy board shall	1161
prescribe the form and contents of the affidavit exemption form.	1162
No taxpayer shall be required to file an affidavit exemption form	1163
pursuant to this division until the municipal tax policy board	1164
prescribes the form.	1165
(H) If any report, claim, statement, or other document	1166
required to be filed, or any payment required to be made, within a	1167
prescribed period or on or before a prescribed date under this	1168
chapter is delivered after that period or that date by United	1169
States mail to the tax administrator or other municipal official	1170
with which the report, claim, statement, or other document is	1171
required to be filed, or to which the payment is required to be	1172
made, the date of the postmark stamped on the cover in which the	1173
report, claim, statement, or other document, or payment is mailed	1174
shall be deemed to be the date of delivery or the date of payment.	1175
If a payment is required to be made by electronic funds	1176
transfer, the payment is considered to be made when the payment is	1177
credited to an account designated by the tax administrator for the	1178
receipt of tax payments, except that, when a payment made by	1179
electronic funds transfer is delayed due to circumstances not	1180
under the control of the taxpayer, the payment is considered to be	1181
made when the taxpayer submitted the payment.	1182
"The date of the postmark" means, in the event there is more	1183
than one date on the cover, the earliest date imprinted on the	1184
cover by the postal service.	1185
(I) The amounts withheld by an employer, the agent of an	1186
employer, or an other payer as described in section 718.03 of the	1187
Revised Code shall be allowed to the recipient of the compensation	1188
as credits against payment of the tax imposed on the recipient by	1189
the municipal corporation.	1190

(J) The municipal tax policy board shall ensure that each	1191
return required by a municipal corporation to be filed in	1192
accordance with this section includes a box that the taxpayer may	1193
check to authorize a paid tax preparer who prepared the return to	1194
communicate with the tax administrator about matters pertaining to	1195
the return. The return or instructions accompanying the return	1196
shall indicate that by checking the box the taxpayer authorizes	1197
the tax administrator to contact the preparer concerning questions	1198
that arise during the processing of the return and authorizes the	1199
preparer only to provide the tax administrator with information	1200
that is missing from the return, to contact the tax administrator	1201
for information about the processing of the return or the status	1202
of the taxpayer's refund or payments, and to respond to notices	1203
about mathematical errors, offsets, or return preparation that the	1204
taxpayer has received from the tax administrator and has shown to	1205
the preparer.	1206
(K) The tax administrator of a municipal corporation shall	1207
accept for filing a generic form of any income tax return, report,	1208
or document required by the municipal corporation in accordance	1209
with this chapter, provided that the generic form, once completed	1210
and filed, contains all of the information required by rules	1211
adopted by the municipal tax policy board, and provided that the	1212
taxpayer or return preparer filing the generic form otherwise	1213
complies with the provisions of this chapter and of the municipal	1214
corporation ordinance or resolution governing the filing of	1215
returns, reports, or documents.	1216
(L) When income tax returns, reports, or other documents	1217
require the signature of a return preparer, the tax administrator	1218
shall accept a facsimile of such a signature in lieu of a manual	1219
signature.	1220
(M) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to excuse the	1221

full payment of any tax or refund due if the total amount due

exceeds five dollars.	1223
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Sec. 718.051. (A) As used in this section, "Ohio business	1224
gateway" means the online computer network system, initially	1225
created by the department of administrative services under section	1226
125.30 of the Revised Code, that allows private businesses to	1227
electronically file business reply forms with state agencies and	1228
includes any successor electronic filing and payment system.	1229
(B) Notwithstanding section 718.05 of the Revised Code, on	1230
and after January 1, 2005, any taxpayer that is subject to any	1231
municipal corporation's tax on the net profit from a business or	1232
profession and has received an extension to file the federal	1233
income tax return shall not be required to notify the municipal	1234
corporation of the federal extension and shall not be required to	1235
file any municipal income tax return until the last day of the	1236
month to which the due date for filing the federal return has been	1237
extended, provided that, on or before the date for filing the	1238
municipal income tax return, the person notifies the tax	1239
commissioner of the federal extension through the Ohio business	1240
gateway. An extension of time to file is not an extension of the	1241
time to pay any tax due.	1242
(C) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2005,	1243
a <u>Any</u> taxpayer subject to any municipal corporation's tax on	1244
income taxation with respect to the taxpayer's net profit from a	1245
business or profession may file any municipal income tax return or	1246
estimated municipal income return, and may make payment of amounts	1247
shown to be due on such returns, by using the Ohio business	1248
gateway.	1249
(D)(1) As used in this division, "qualifying wages" has the	1250
same meaning as in section 718.03 of the Revised Code.	1251
(2)(B) Any employer, agent of an employer, or other payer may	1252
report the amount of municipal income tax withheld from qualifying	1253

wages paid on or after January 1, 2007 , and may make remittance of	1254
such amounts, by using the Ohio business gateway.	1255
$\frac{(E)(C)}{(C)}$ Nothing in this section affects the due dates for	1256
filing employer withholding tax returns.	1257
$\frac{(F)(D)}{(D)}$ No municipal corporation shall be required to pay any	1258
fee or charge for the operation or maintenance of the Ohio	1259
business gateway.	1260
$\frac{(G)}{(E)}$ The use of the Ohio business gateway by municipal	1261
corporations, taxpayers, or other persons pursuant to this section	1262
does not affect the legal rights of municipalities or taxpayers as	1263
otherwise permitted by law. This state shall not be a party to the	1264
administration of municipal income taxes or to an appeal of a	1265
municipal income tax matter, except as otherwise specifically	1266
provided by law.	1267
$\frac{(H)(F)}{(I)}$ (1) The tax commissioner shall adopt rules	1268
establishing:	1269
(a) The format of documents to be used by taxpayers to file	1270
returns and make payments through the Ohio business gateway; and	1271
(b) The information taxpayers must submit when filing	1272
municipal income tax returns through the Ohio business gateway.	1273
(2) The commissioner shall consult with the Ohio business	1274
gateway steering committee before adopting the rules described in	1275
division $\frac{(H)(F)}{(I)}$ of this section.	1276
$\frac{(I)(G)}{(G)}$ Nothing in this section shall be construed as limiting	1277
or removing the ability authority of any municipal corporation to	1278
administer, audit, and enforce the provisions of its municipal	1279
income tax.	1280
Sec. 718.052. (A) Each member of the national quard and each	1281
member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United	1282
States called to active duty pursuant to an executive order issued	1283

by the president of the United States or an act of the congress of	1284
the United States, and each civilian serving as support personnel	1285
in a combat zone or contingency operation in support of the armed	1286
forces, may apply to the tax administrator of a municipal	1287
corporation for both an extension of time for filing of the return	1288
and an extension of time for payment of taxes required by the	1289
municipal corporation in accordance with this chapter during the	1290
period of the member's or civilian's duty service and for sixty	1291
days thereafter. The application shall be filed on or before the	1292
sixtieth day after the member's or civilian's duty terminates. An	1293
applicant shall provide such evidence as the tax administrator	1294
considers necessary to demonstrate eligibility for the extension.	1295
(B)(1) If the tax administrator ascertains that an applicant	1296
is qualified for an extension under this section, the tax	1297
administrator shall enter into a contract with the applicant for	1298
the payment of the tax in installments that begin on the	1299
sixty-first day after the applicant's active duty or service	1300
terminates. Except as provided in division (B)(3) of this section,	1301
the tax administrator may prescribe such contract terms as the tax	1302
administrator considers appropriate. If the amount owed is two	1303
thousand four hundred dollars or less, the contract shall be for	1304
not longer than twelve months. If the amount owed is more than two	1305
thousand four hundred dollars, the contract shall be for not	1306
longer than twenty-four months.	1307
(2) If the tax administrator ascertains that an applicant is	1308
qualified for an extension under this section, the applicant shall	1309
neither be required to file any return, report, or other tax	1310
document nor be required to pay any tax otherwise due to the	1311
municipal corporation before the sixty-first day after the	1312
applicant's active duty or service terminates.	1313
(3) Taxes paid pursuant to a contract entered into under	1314

division (B)(1) of this section are not delinguent. The tax	1315
administrator shall not require any payments of penalties,	1316
interest penalties, or interest in connection with those taxes for	1317
the extension period.	1318
(C)(1) Nothing in this division denies to any person	1319
described in this division the application of divisions (A) and	1320
(B) of this section.	1321
(2)(a) A qualifying taxpayer who is eligible for an extension	1322
under the Internal Revenue Code shall receive both an extension of	1323
time in which to file any return, report, or other tax document	1324
and an extension of time in which to make any payment of taxes	1325
required by a municipal corporation in accordance with this	1326
chapter. The length of any extension granted under division	1327
(C)(2)(a) of this section shall be equal to the length of the	1328
corresponding extension that the taxpayer receives under the	1329
Internal Revenue Code. As used in this section, "qualifying	1330
taxpayer" means a member of the national guard, or a member of the	1331
reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, who is	1332
called to active duty pursuant to either an executive order issued	1333
by the president of the United States or an act of the congress of	1334
the United States.	1335
(b) Taxes whose payment is extended in accordance with	1336
division (C)(2)(a) of this section are not delinquent during the	1337
extension period. The tax administrator shall not require any	1338
payment of penalties, interest penalties, or interest in	1339
connection with those taxes for the extension period. The tax	1340
administrator shall not include any period of extension granted	1341
under division (C)(2)(a) of this section in calculating the	1342
penalty, interest penalty, or interest due on any unpaid tax.	1343
(D) For each taxable year to which division (A), (B), or (C)	1344
of this section applies to a taxpayer, the provisions of divisions	1345
(B)(2) and (3) or (C) of this section, as applicable, apply to the	1346

spouse of that taxpayer if the filing status of the spouse and the	1347
taxpayer is married filing jointly for that year.	1348
Sec. 718.06. (A) As used in this section:	1349
(1) "Consolidated federal income tax return" means a	1350
consolidated return filed for federal income tax purposes pursuant	1351
to section 1501 of the Internal Revenue Code.	1352
(2) "Consolidated federal taxable income" means the	1353
consolidated taxable income of an affiliated group of	1354
corporations, as computed for the purposes of filing a	1355
consolidated federal income tax return, before consideration of	1356
net operating losses or special deductions.	1357
(B) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2014,	1358
a taxpayer that is a member of an affiliated group of corporations	1359
may elect to file a consolidated municipal income tax return for a	1360
taxable year if at least one member of the affiliated group is	1361
subject to the municipal income tax in that taxable year and if	1362
the affiliated group filed a consolidated federal income tax	1363
return with respect to that taxable year.	1364
(C) A taxpayer shall prepare a consolidated municipal income	1365
tax return in the same manner as is required under the United	1366
States department of treasury regulations that prescribe	1367
procedures for the preparation of the consolidated federal income	1368
tax return required to be filed by the common parent of the	1369
affiliated group of which the taxpayer is a member.	1370
(D)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (D)(2) of	1371
this section, corporations that elect to file a consolidated	1372
municipal income tax return shall compute adjusted federal taxable	1373
income, as defined in section 718.01 of the Revised Code, by	1374
substituting "consolidated federal taxable income" for "federal	1375
taxable income" wherever "federal taxable income" appears in that	1376

(H) Corporations that made an election with a municipal

corporation before January 1, 2014, to file a consolidated tax	1408
return with such municipal corporation in a manner similar to that	1409
provided in division (B) of this section shall continue to file	1410
consolidated tax returns in such manner unless the corporations	1411
obtain permission from the tax administrator to discontinue such	1412
filing.	1413

Sec. 718.07. On and after January 1, 2002, each The tax 1414 administrator of a municipal corporation that imposes a tax on 1415 income in accordance with this chapter shall make electronic 1416 versions of any rules or ordinances governing the tax available to 1417 the public through the internet, including, but not limited to, 1418 ordinances or rules governing the rate of tax; payment and 1419 withholding of taxes; filing any prescribed returns, reports, or 1420 other documents; dates for filing or paying taxes, including 1421 estimated taxes; penalties, interest, assessment, and other 1422 collection remedies; rights of taxpayers to appeal; and procedures 1423 for filing appeals. On and after that date, any municipal 1424 corporation that requires taxpayers to file income tax returns, 1425 reports, or other documents The tax administrator shall make 1426 blanks of such any prescribed returns, reports, or documents, and 1427 any instructions pertaining thereto, available to the public 1428 electronically through the internet. Electronic versions of rules, 1429 ordinances, blanks, and instructions shall be made available 1430 either by posting them on the electronic site established by the 1431 tax commissioner under section 5703.49 of the Revised Code or and, 1432 if the municipal corporation or tax administrator maintains an 1433 electronic site for the posting of such documents that is 1434 accessible through the internet, by posting them on an that 1435 electronic site established by the municipal corporation that is 1436 accessible through the internet. If a municipal corporation or tax 1437 administrator establishes such an electronic site, the municipal 1438 corporation shall incorporate an electronic link between that site 1439

and the site established pursuant to section 5703.49 of the	1440
Revised Code, and shall provide to the tax commissioner the	1441
uniform resource locator of the site established pursuant to this	1442
division.	1443
Sec. 718.08. (A) As used in this section:	1444
(1) "Estimated taxes" means the amount that the taxpayer	1445
estimates to be the taxpayer's tax liability for a municipal	1446
corporation's income tax for the current taxable year.	1447
(2) "Tax liability" means the total taxes due for the taxable	1448
year, after allowing any credit to which the taxpayer is entitled,	1449
but prior to applying any estimated tax payment, withholding	1450
payment, or refund from another taxable year.	1451
(3) "Taxes paid" include payments of estimated taxes made	1452
under division (C) of this section, taxes withheld from the	1453
taxpayer's compensation, and tax refunds applied by the taxpayer	1454
in payment of estimated taxes.	1455
(B) Every taxpayer shall make a declaration of estimated	1456
taxes for the current taxable year, in the form prescribed by the	1457
municipal tax policy board under section 718.42 of the Revised	1458
Code, if the amount payable as estimated taxes, less the amount to	1459
be withheld from the taxpayer's compensation, is more than two	1460
hundred fifty dollars. For purposes of this section, taxes	1461
withheld from compensation shall be considered as paid in equal	1462
amounts on each payment date unless the taxpayer establishes the	1463
dates on which all amounts were actually withheld, in which case	1464
the amounts withheld shall be considered as paid on the dates on	1465
which the amounts were actually withheld. Taxpayers filing joint	1466
returns shall file joint declarations of estimated taxes. A	1467
taxpayer may amend a declaration under rules prescribed by the	1468
municipal tax policy board. A taxpayer having a taxable year of	1469
less than twelve months shall make a declaration under rules	1470

prescribed by the municipal tax policy board. The declaration of	1471
estimated taxes for an individual under a disability shall be made	1472
and filed by the person who is required to file the income tax	1473
return.	1474
The declaration of estimated taxes shall be filed on or	1475
before the date prescribed for the filing of municipal income tax	1476
returns under division (F) of section 718.05 of the Revised Code	1477
or on or before the fifteenth day of the fourth month after the	1478
taxpayer becomes subject to tax for the first time.	1479
Taxpayers reporting on a fiscal year basis shall file a	1480
declaration on or before the fifteenth day of the fourth month	1481
after the beginning of each fiscal year or period.	1482
The declaration shall be filed upon a form prescribed by the	1483
municipal tax policy board.	1484
The original declaration or any subsequent amendment may be	1485
increased or decreased on or before any subsequent quarterly	1486
payment day as provided in this section.	1487
(C) The required portion of the tax liability for the taxable	1488
year that shall be paid through estimated taxes made payable to	1489
the municipal corporation or tax administrator, including the	1490
application of tax refunds to estimated taxes, and withholding on	1491
or before the applicable payment date shall be as follows:	1492
(1) On or before the fifteenth day of the fourth month after	1493
the beginning of the taxable year, twenty-two and one-half per	1494
cent of the tax liability for the taxable year;	1495
(2) On or before the fifteenth day of the sixth month after	1496
the beginning of the taxable year, forty-five per cent of the tax	1497
liability for the taxable year;	1498
(3) On or before the fifteenth day of the ninth month after	1499
the beginning of the taxable year, sixty-seven and one-half per	1500

cent of the tax liability for the taxable year;	1501
(4) On or before the fifteenth day of the first month of the	1502
following taxable year, ninety per cent of the tax liability for	1503
the taxable year.	1504
When an amended return has been filed, the unpaid balance	1505
shown due on the amended return shall be paid in equal	1506
installments on or before the remaining payment dates.	1507
On or before the last day of the fourth month of the year	1508
following that for which the declaration or amended declaration	1509
was filed, an annual return shall be filed and any balance which	1510
may be due shall be paid with the return in accordance with	1511
section 718.05 of the Revised Code.	1512
(D) In the case of any underpayment of estimated taxes, an	1513
interest penalty shall be added to the taxes for the taxable year	1514
at the rate per annum prescribed by section 5703.47 of the Revised	1515
Code upon the amount of underpayment for the period of	1516
underpayment, unless the underpayment is due to reasonable cause	1517
as described in division (E) of this section. The amount of the	1518
underpayment shall be determined as follows:	1519
(1) For the first payment of estimated taxes each year,	1520
twenty-two and one-half per cent of the tax liability, less the	1521
amount of taxes paid by the date prescribed for that payment;	1522
(2) For the second payment of estimated taxes each year,	1523
forty-five per cent of the tax liability, less the amount of taxes	1524
paid by the date prescribed for that payment;	1525
(3) For the third payment of estimated taxes each year,	1526
sixty-seven and one-half per cent of the tax liability, less the	1527
amount of taxes paid by the date prescribed for that payment;	1528
(4) For the fourth payment of estimated taxes each year,	1529
ninety per cent of the tax liability, less the amount of taxes	1530

paid by the date prescribed for that payment.	1531
The period of the underpayment shall run from the day the	1532
estimated payment was required to be made to the date on which the	1533
payment is made. For purposes of this section, a payment of	1534
estimated taxes on or before any payment date shall be considered	1535
a payment of any previous underpayment only to the extent the	1536
payment of estimated taxes exceeds the amount of the payment	1537
presently required to be paid to avoid any penalty.	1538
The interest penalty imposed under division (D) of this	1539
section shall be in lieu of any other interest charge or penalty	1540
imposed for failure to file an estimated return and make estimated	1541
payments as required by this section.	1542
(E) An underpayment of estimated taxes determined under	1543
division (D) of this section shall be due to reasonable cause and	1544
the interest penalty imposed by this section shall not be added to	1545
the taxes for the tax year if any of the following apply:	1546
(1) The amount of tax that was paid equals at least ninety	1547
per cent of the tax liability for the current taxable year,	1548
determined by annualizing the income received during the year up	1549
to the end of the month immediately preceding the month in which	1550
the payment is due;	1551
(2) The amount of tax that was paid equals at least one	1552
hundred per cent of the tax liability shown on the return of the	1553
taxpayer for the preceding taxable year, provided that the	1554
immediately preceding taxable year reflected a period of twelve	1555
months and the taxpayer filed a return with the municipal	1556
corporation under section 718.05 of the Revised Code for that	1557
<u>year;</u>	1558
(3) The taxpayer is an individual who resides in the	1559
municipal corporation but was not domiciled there on the first day	1560
of January of the current calendar year.	1561

The tax administrator may waive the requirement for filing a	1562
declaration of estimated taxes for any class of taxpayers after	1563
finding that the waiver is reasonable and proper in view of	1564
administrative costs and other factors.	1565
Sec. 718.09. (A) This section applies to either of the	1566
following:	1567
(1) A municipal corporation that shares the same territory as	1568
a city, local, or exempted village school district, to the extent	1569
that not more than five per cent of the territory of the municipal	1570
corporation is located outside the school district and not more	1571
than five per cent of the territory of the school district is	1572
located outside the municipal corporation;	1573
(2) A municipal corporation that shares the same territory as	1574
a city, local, or exempted village school district, to the extent	1575
that not more than five per cent of the territory of the municipal	1576
corporation is located outside the school district, more than five	1577
per cent but not more than ten per cent of the territory of the	1578
school district is located outside the municipal corporation, and	1579
that portion of the territory of the school district that is	1580
located outside the municipal corporation is located entirely	1581
within another municipal corporation having a population of four	1582
hundred thousand or more according to the federal decennial census	1583
most recently completed before the agreement is entered into under	1584
division (B) of this section.	1585
(B) The legislative authority of a municipal corporation to	1586
which this section applies may propose to the electors an income	1587
tax, one of the purposes of which shall be to provide financial	1588
assistance to the school district through payment to the district	1589
of not less than twenty-five per cent of the revenue generated by	1590
the tax, except that the legislative authority may not propose to	1591

levy the income tax on the incomes of nonresident individuals.

Prior to proposing the tax, the legislative authority shall	1593
negotiate and enter into a written agreement with the board of	1594
education of the school district specifying the tax rate, the	1595
percentage of tax revenue to be paid to the school district, the	1596
purpose for which the school district will use the money, the	1597
first year the tax will be levied, which shall be the first year	1598
after the year in which the levy is approved or any later year,	1599
the date of the special election on the question of the tax, and	1600
the method and schedule by which the municipal corporation will	1601
make payments to the school district. The special election shall	1602
be held on a day specified in division (D) of section 3501.01 of	1603
the Revised Code, except that the special election may not be held	1604
on the day for holding a primary election as authorized by the	1605
municipal corporation's charter unless the municipal corporation	1606
is to have a primary election on that day.	1607

After the legislative authority and board of education have 1608 entered into the agreement, the legislative authority shall 1609 provide for levying the tax by ordinance. The ordinance shall 1610 include the provisions described in division (A) of section 718.04 1611 of the Revised Code and shall state the tax rate, the percentage 1612 of tax revenue to be paid to the school district, the purpose for 1613 which the municipal corporation will use its share of the tax 1614 revenue, the first year the tax will be levied, and that the 1615 question of the income tax will be submitted to the electors of 1616 the municipal corporation. The legislative authority also shall 1617 adopt a resolution specifying the regular or special election date 1618 the election will be held and directing the board of elections to 1619 conduct the election. At least ninety days before the date of the 1620 election, the legislative authority shall file certified copies of 1621 the ordinance and resolution with the board of elections. 1622

(C) The board of elections shall make the necessary 1623 arrangements for the submission of the question to the electors of 1624

the municipal corporation, and shall conduct the election in the	1625
same manner as any other municipal income tax election. Notice of	1626
the election shall be published in a newspaper of general	1627
circulation in the municipal corporation once a week for four	1628
consecutive weeks, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised	1629
Code, prior to the election, and shall include statements of the	1630
rate and municipal corporation and school district purposes of the	1631
income tax, the percentage of tax revenue that will be paid to the	1632
school district, and the first year the tax will be levied. The	1633
ballot shall be in the following form:	1634

"Shall the ordinance providing for a per cent levy on income for (brief description of the municipal corporation and school district purposes of the levy, including a statement of the percentage of tax revenue that will be paid to the school district) be passed? The income tax, if approved, will not be levied on the incomes of individuals who do not reside in (the name of the municipal corporation).

For the income tax	1643
Against the income tax	" 1644

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(D) If the question is approved by a majority of the 1646 electors, the municipal corporation shall impose the income tax 1647 beginning in on the first day of January of the year specified in 1648 the ordinance. The proceeds of the levy may be used only for the 1649 specified purposes, including payment of the specified percentage 1650 to the school district.

Sec. 718.10. (A) This section applies to a group of two or

more municipal corporations that, taken together, share the same

territory as a single city, local, or exempted village school

district, to the extent that not more than five per cent of the

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territory of the municipal corporations as a group is located	1656
outside the school district and not more than five per cent of the	1657
territory of the school district is located outside the municipal	1658
corporations as a group.	1659

(B) The legislative authorities of the municipal corporations 1660 in a group of municipal corporations to which this section applies 1661 each may propose to the electors an income tax, to be levied in 1662 concert with income taxes in the other municipal corporations of 1663 the group, except that a legislative authority may not propose to 1664 levy the income tax on the incomes of individuals who do not 1665 reside in the municipal corporation. One of the purposes of such a 1666 tax shall be to provide financial assistance to the school 1667 district through payment to the district of not less than 1668 twenty-five per cent of the revenue generated by the tax. Prior to 1669 proposing the taxes, the legislative authorities shall negotiate 1670 and enter into a written agreement with each other and with the 1671 board of education of the school district specifying the tax rate, 1672 the percentage of the tax revenue to be paid to the school 1673 district, the first year the tax will be levied, which shall be 1674 the first year after the year in which the levy is approved or any 1675 later year, and the date of the election on the question of the 1676 tax, all of which shall be the same for each municipal 1677 corporation. The agreement also shall state the purpose for which 1678 the school district will use the money, and specify the method and 1679 schedule by which each municipal corporation will make payments to 1680 the school district. The special election shall be held on a day 1681 specified in division (D) of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code, 1682 including a day on which all of the municipal corporations are to 1683 have a primary election. 1684

After the legislative authorities and board of education have 1685 entered into the agreement, each legislative authority shall 1686 provide for levying its tax by ordinance. Each ordinance shall 1687

include the provisions described in division (A) of section 718.04 1688 of the Revised Code and shall state the rate of the tax, the 1689 percentage of tax revenue to be paid to the school district, the 1690 purpose for which the municipal corporation will use its share of 1691 the tax revenue, and the first year the tax will be levied. Each 1692 ordinance also shall state that the question of the income tax 1693 will be submitted to the electors of the municipal corporation on 1694 the same date as the submission of questions of an identical tax 1695 to the electors of each of the other municipal corporations in the 1696 group, and that unless the electors of all of the municipal 1697 corporations in the group approve the tax in their respective 1698 municipal corporations, none of the municipal corporations in the 1699 group shall levy the tax. Each legislative authority also shall 1700 adopt a resolution specifying the regular or special election date 1701 the election will be held and directing the board of elections to 1702 conduct the election. At least ninety days before the date of the 1703 election, each legislative authority shall file certified copies 1704 of the ordinance and resolution with the board of elections. 1705

(C) For each of the municipal corporations, the board of 1706 elections shall make the necessary arrangements for the submission 1707 of the question to the electors, and shall conduct the election in 1708 the same manner as any other municipal income tax election. For 1709 each of the municipal corporations, notice of the election shall 1710 be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the 1711 municipal corporation once a week for four consecutive weeks, or 1712 as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, prior to the 1713 election. The notice shall include a statement of the rate and 1714 municipal corporation and school district purposes of the income 1715 tax, the percentage of tax revenue that will be paid to the school 1716 district, and the first year the tax will be levied, and an 1717 explanation that the tax will not be levied unless an identical 1718 tax is approved by the electors of each of the other municipal 1719 corporations in the group. The ballot shall be in the following 1720 form: 1721

"Shall the ordinance providing for a ... per cent levy on income for (brief description of the municipal corporation and school district purposes of the levy, including a statement of the percentage of income tax revenue that will be paid to the school district) be passed? The income tax, if approved, will not be levied on the incomes of individuals who do not reside in (the name of the municipal corporation). In order for the income tax to be levied, the voters of (the other municipal corporations in the group), which are also in the (name of the school district) school district, must approve an identical income tax and agree to pay the same percentage of the tax revenue to the school district.

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(D) If the question is approved by a majority of the electors 1737 and identical taxes are approved by a majority of the electors in 1738 each of the other municipal corporations in the group, the 1739 municipal corporation shall impose the tax beginning in on the 1740 first day of January of the year specified in the ordinance. The 1741 proceeds of the levy may be used only for the specified purposes, 1742 including payment of the specified percentage to the school 1743 district. 1744

Sec. 718.11. (A)(1) The legislative authority of each 1745 municipal corporation that imposes a tax on income in accordance 1746 with this chapter shall maintain a local board of tax review to 1747 hear appeals as provided in this section. The legislative 1748 authority of any municipal corporation that does not impose a tax 1749 on income on the effective date of this amendment June 26, 2003, 1750 but that imposes such a tax after that date, shall establish such 1751

a board by ordinance not later than one hundred eighty days after	1752
the tax takes effect.	1753
(2) The local board of tax review shall consist of three	1754
members. Two members shall be appointed by the legislative	1755
authority of the municipal corporation, but such appointees may	1756
not be employees, elected officials, or contractors with the	1757
municipal corporation at any time during their term or in the five	1758
years immediately preceding the date of appointment. One member	1759
shall be appointed by the top administrative official of the	1760
municipal corporation. This member shall be an employee of the	1761
municipal corporation, but may not be the director of finance or	1762
equivalent officer, or employee, tax administrator, or other	1763
similar official directly involved in municipal tax matters, or	1764
any direct subordinate thereof.	1765
(3) The term for members of the local board of tax review	1766
appointed by the legislative authority of the municipal	1767
corporation shall be two years. No such member shall serve more	1768
than three consecutive terms. The board member appointed by the	1769
top administrative official of the municipal corporation shall	1770
serve at the discretion of the administrative official.	1771
(4) Members of the board of tax review appointed by the	1772
legislative authority may be removed by the legislative authority	1773
by majority vote for malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in	1774
office. To remove such a member, the legislative authority must	1775
give the member a copy of the charges against the member and	1776
afford the member an opportunity to be publicly heard in person or	1777
by counsel in the member's own defense upon not less than ten	1778
days' notice. If the member is removed, the legislative authority	1779
shall file in the office of the secretary of state a complete	1780
statement of all charges made against the member and the finding	1781
on the charges together with a complete report of the proceedings.	1782
The decision by the legislative authority on the charges is final	1783

(5) A member of the board who, for any reason, ceases to meet	1784
the qualifications for the position prescribed by this section	1785
shall resign immediately by operation of law.	1786
(6) A vacancy in an unexpired term shall be filled in the	1787
same manner as the original appointment within sixty days of when	1788
the vacancy was created. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy	1789
occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which the	1790
member's predecessor was appointed shall hold office for the	1791
remainder of such term. No vacancy on the board shall impair the	1792
power and authority of the remaining members to exercise all the	1793
powers of the board.	1794
(B) Whenever a tax administrator issues a an assessment or	1795
decision regarding a municipal income tax obligation that is	1796
subject to appeal as provided in this section or in an ordinance	1797
or regulation of the municipal corporation, the tax administrator	1798
shall notify the taxpayer in writing at the same time of the	1799
taxpayer's right to appeal the <u>assessment or</u> decision and of the	1800
manner in which the taxpayer may appeal the assessment or	1801
decision.	1802
(C) Any person who has been issued an assessment or is	1803
aggrieved by a decision by the tax administrator and who has filed	1804
with the municipal corporation the required returns or other	1805
documents pertaining to the municipal income tax obligation at	1806
issue in the <u>assessment or</u> decision may appeal the decision to the	1807
board created pursuant to this section by filing a request with	1808
the board. The request shall be in writing, shall state why the	1809
decision should be deemed incorrect or unlawful, and shall be	1810
filed within thirty sixty days after the tax administrator issues	1811
taxpayer receives the assessment or decision complained of.	1812
(D) The <u>local</u> board of tax review shall schedule a hearing	1813
within forty-five days after receiving the <u>a</u> request <u>under</u>	1814
division (C) of this section, unless the taxpayer requests	1815

additional time to prepare or waives a hearing. If the taxpayer	1816
does not waive the hearing, the taxpayer may appear before the	1817
board and may be represented by an attorney at law, certified	1818
public accountant, or other representative. The board may allow a	1819
hearing to be continued as jointly agreed to by the parties, but	1820
the hearing must be completed within one hundred twenty days after	1821
the first day of the hearing.	1822
(E) The board may affirm, reverse, or modify the tax	1823
administrator's <u>assessment or</u> decision or any part of that	1824
assessment or decision. The board shall issue a final decision	1825
<u>determination</u> on the appeal within ninety days after the board's	1826
final hearing on the appeal, and send a copy of its final decision	1827
<u>determination</u> by ordinary mail to all of the parties to the appeal	1828
within fifteen days after issuing the decision final	1829
<u>determination</u> . The taxpayer or the tax administrator may appeal	1830
the board's decision final determination as provided in section	1831
5717.011 of the Revised Code.	1832
Each (F) The local board of appeal tax review created	1833
pursuant to this section shall adopt rules governing its	1834
procedures and shall keep a record of its transactions. Such	1835
records are not public records available for inspection under	1836
section 149.43 of the Revised Code. Hearings requested by a	1837
taxpayer before a <u>local</u> board of <u>appeal</u> <u>tax review</u> created	1838
pursuant to this section are not meetings of a public body subject	1839
to section 121.22 of the Revised Code.	1840
(G) The tax administrator of a municipal corporation that	1841
imposes a tax on income in accordance with this chapter shall post	1842
the rules of the local board of tax review, the names of the board	1843
members, and the address to which appeals and other correspondence	1844
may be sent on the web site of the tax administrator and the web	1845
site of the tax commissioner. Any tax administrator that fails to	1846
comply with this division shall not be permitted to impose	1847

penalties or interest under section 718.27 of the Revised Code on	1848
any taxpayer until compliance is attained.	1849
Sec. 718.12. (A)(1) If an employer, agent of an employer, or	1850
other payer collects a tax levied in accordance with this chapter	1851
and fails to remit the tax as required by law, or fails to collect	1852
the tax, the employer, agent of the employer, or other payer is	1853
personally liable for any amount collected and not remitted, or	1854
any amount not collected. If any taxpayer fails to file a return	1855
or fails to pay a tax levied in accordance with this chapter, the	1856
taxpayer is personally liable for the amount of the tax.	1857
(2) If a taxpayer, employer, agent of an employer, or other	1858
payer required to file a return as required by this chapter fails	1859
to file the return within the time prescribed, files an incorrect	1860
return, fails to remit the full amount of the taxes due for the	1861
period covered by the return, or fails to remit any additional tax	1862
due together with interest on the additional tax within the	1863
prescribed time, the tax administrator of such municipal	1864
corporation may issue an assessment against any person liable for	1865
any deficiency for the period for which the return is or taxes are	1866
due, based upon any information in such tax administrator's	1867
possession.	1868
(3) An assessment issued against the taxpayer or against the	1869
employer, agent of the employer, or other payer pursuant to this	1870
section shall not be considered an election of remedies or a bar	1871
to an assessment against the other for failure to report or pay	1872
the same tax. No assessment shall be issued against any person if	1873
the tax has been paid by another. An assessment that has been paid	1874
by another shall be canceled.	1875
(4) The tax administrator of a municipal corporation shall	1876
give the party assessed, whether pursuant to this section or	1877
division (B) of section 718.02 of the Revised Code, written notice	1878

of the assessment in the manner provided in section 718.18 of the	1879
Revised Code. With the notice, the tax administrator shall provide	1880
instructions on how to petition for reassessment and request a	1881
hearing on the petition.	1882
(B) Except as provided in this division, no assessment shall	1883
be issued against a taxpayer, employer, agent of an employer, or	1884
other payer more than three years after the final date the return	1885
subject to the assessment was required to be filed or the date the	1886
return was filed, whichever is later.	1887
Subject to division (C) of this section, the tax	1888
administrator may assess any balance due as the result of a	1889
reduction in the credit described in division (G) of section	1890
718.04 of the Revised Code, including applicable penalty and	1891
interest, within three years of the date on which the taxpayer	1892
reports a change in either the portion of the taxpayer's income	1893
subjected to a tax levied in accordance with this chapter or the	1894
amount of tax paid to a municipal corporation pursuant to a tax	1895
levied in accordance with this chapter.	1896
Subject to division (C) of this section, the time limits	1897
prescribed by this division may be extended if both the taxpayer,	1898
employer, agent of the employer, or other payer and the tax	1899
administrator consent in writing to the extension. Any such	1900
extension shall also extend the three-year time limit in division	1901
(B) of section 718.19 of the Revised Code for the same period of	1902
time.	1903
This division does not apply to an assessment against an	1904
employer, agent of an employer, or other payer for taxes withheld	1905
and not remitted to the municipal corporation, against a taxpayer,	1906
employer, agent of an employer, or other payer that fails to file	1907
a return subject to assessment as required by this chapter, or	1908
against a taxpayer, employer, agent of an employer, or other payer	1909
that files a fraudulent return.	1910

(C)(1) Except as provided in division (C)(2) of this section,	1911
the tax administrator shall not issue an assessment for any tax	1912
payable to the municipal corporation that is administered by the	1913
tax administrator, or for any penalty, interest, or additional	1914
charge on such tax, after the expiration of ten years, including	1915
any extension, from the date the tax return or report was due when	1916
such amount was not reported and paid, provided that the ten-year	1917
period shall be extended by the period of any lawful stay to the	1918
assessment.	1919
(2) There is no bar or limit to an assessment against any	1920
person who fraudulently attempts to avoid a tax imposed in	1921
accordance with this chapter.	1922
(D) With or before the issuance of an assessment, the tax	1923
administrator shall provide all of the following to the taxpayer,	1924
employer, agent of the employer, or other payer:	1925
(1) A written description of the basis for the assessment and	1926
any penalty required to be imposed with the assessment;	1927
(2) A written description of the right to appeal the	1928
assessment and an explanation of the steps required to make such	1929
an appeal;	1930
(3) A written description of the collection remedies	1931
available to the tax administrator, including a statement that if	1932
the taxpayer, employer, agent of the employer, or other payer	1933
fails to pay an assessment within sixty days after service of the	1934
notice of assessment, the tax administrator will certify the	1935
amount for collection, and a summary of the provisions contained	1936
in this chapter that relate to the right to appeal the assessment;	1937
(4) A written description of the steps required to perfect an	1938
appeal to the municipal corporation's local board of tax review,	1939
including the address at which such appeals may be filed.	1940
The failure of the tax administrator to comply with this	1941

division shall neither excuse a taxpayer from payment of any taxes	1942
owed by the taxpayer nor cure any procedural defect in a	1943
taxpayer's case. If the tax administrator fails to substantially	1944
comply with the provisions of this division, the tax	1945
administrator, upon application by the taxpayer, shall excuse the	1946
taxpayer from penalties and interest arising from the assessment.	1947
(E) An assessment becomes final, with the amount being due	1948
and payable to the municipal corporation, unless the party	1949
assessed files a written petition for reassessment with the tax	1950
administrator within sixty days after service of the notice of	1951
assessment. The petition for reassessment must be signed by the	1952
party assessed or the party's authorized agent having knowledge of	1953
the facts and must be delivered to the tax administrator either	1954
personally or by certified mail.	1955
The tax administrator shall indicate on the assessment how	1956
the party can make remittance. The petition shall indicate the	1957
objections of the party assessed, but additional objections may be	1958
raised in writing if received by the tax administrator before the	1959
date shown on the final determination. If the petition has been	1960
properly filed, the local board of tax review, tax administrator,	1961
and taxpayer shall proceed under section 718.11 of the Revised	1962
Code.	1963
(F) After an assessment becomes final, if any portion of the	1964
assessment remains unpaid, including accrued interest, a certified	1965
copy of the tax administrator's entry making the assessment final	1966
may be filed in the office of the clerk of court of common pleas	1967
in the county in which the employer's or taxpayer's place of	1968
business is located or the county in which the party assessed	1969
resides. If the party assessed is not a resident of this state,	1970
the certified copy of the entry may be filed in the office of the	1971
clerk of court of common pleas of Franklin county.	1972
Immediately upon the filing of the entry, the clerk shall	1973

enter a judgment against the party assessed in the amount shown on	1974
the entry. The judgment shall be filed by the clerk in a	1975
loose-leaf book entitled "special judgments for municipal	1976
corporation income taxes." The judgment shall have the same effect	1977
as other judgments. Execution shall issue upon the judgment upon	1978
the request of the tax administrator, and all laws applicable to	1979
sales on execution shall apply to sales made under the judgment.	1980
The portion of the assessment not paid within sixty days	1981
after the assessment was issued shall bear interest at the rate	1982
per annum prescribed by section 5703.47 of the Revised Code from	1983
the day the tax administrator issues the assessment until it is	1984
paid. Interest shall be paid in the same manner as the tax and may	1985
be collected by the issuance of an assessment under this section.	1986
(G) If the party assessed files a petition for reassessment	1987
under division (E) of this section, the person, on or before the	1988
last day the petition may be filed, shall pay the assessed amount,	1989
including assessed interest and assessed penalties, if any of the	1990
following conditions exists:	1991
(1) The person files a tax return reporting municipal taxable	1992
income in an amount less than one cent and the reported amount is	1993
not based on the computations required under this chapter;	1994
(2) The person files a tax return that the tax administrator	1995
determines to be incomplete, false, fraudulent, or frivolous;	1996
(3) The person fails to file a tax return, and the basis for	1997
this failure is not either of the following:	1998
(a) An assertion that the person has no nexus with the	1999
municipal corporation;	2000
(b) The computations required under this chapter or the	2001
application of credits allowed in accordance with this chapter	2002
have the result that the person's tax liability is less than one	2003
dollar and one cent.	2004

(H)(1) Notwithstanding the fact that a petition for	2005
reassessment is pending, the petitioner may pay all or a portion	2006
of the assessment that is the subject of the petition. The	2007
acceptance of a payment by the municipal corporation does not	2008
prejudice any claim for refund upon final determination of the	2009
petition.	2010
(2) If upon final determination of the petition an error in	2011
the assessment is corrected by the tax administrator, upon	2012
petition so filed or pursuant to a decision of the local board of	2013
tax review created under section 718.11 of the Revised Code, of	2014
the Ohio board of tax appeals, or any court to which the decision	2015
of the Ohio board of tax appeals has been appealed, so that the	2016
amount due from the party assessed under the corrected assessment	2017
is less than the amount paid, there shall be issued to the	2018
petitioner or to the petitioner's assigns or legal representative	2019
a refund in the amount of the overpayment as provided by section	2020
718.19 of the Revised Code, with interest on that amount as	2021
provided by that section.	2022
Sec. 718.121. (A) Except as provided in division (B) of this	2023
section, if tax or withholding is paid to a municipal corporation	2024
on income or wages, and if a second municipal corporation imposes	2025
or assesses a tax on that income or wages after the time period	2026
allowed for a refund of the tax or withholding paid to the first	2027
municipal corporation, the second municipal corporation shall	2028
allow a nonrefundable credit, against the tax or withholding the	2029
second municipality claims is due with respect to such income or	2030
wages, equal to the tax or withholding paid to the first municipal	2031
corporation with respect to such income or wages.	2032
(B) If the tax rate in the second municipal corporation is	2033
less than the tax rate in the first municipal corporation, then	2034

the credit described in division (A) of this section shall be

(2) If the tax administrator of a municipal corporation fails

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the Revised Code.

to timely comply with division (C)(1) of this section, the	2067
municipal corporation may not impose any penalty described in	2068
section 718.27 of the Revised Code for any taxable year ending in	2069
the calendar year in which the report was due or any date	2070
thereafter that precedes the date the tax administrator reports	2071
the information.	2072
(3) The municipal tax policy board shall maintain a list of	2073
every municipal corporation that is ineligible to impose penalties	2074
under division (C)(2) of this section and the time period during	2075
which the ineligibility applies. The list shall be posted on the	2076
web site of the department of taxation within thirty days of the	2077
deadline prescribed in division (C)(1) of this section and shall	2078
be updated at least annually.	2079
Sec. 718.18. (A)(1) Except as provided in division (B) of	2080
this section, whenever service of a notice or order is required in	2081
the manner provided in this section, a copy of the notice or order	2082
shall be served upon the person affected thereby either by	2083
personal service, by certified mail, or by a delivery service	2084
authorized by the tax commissioner under section 5703.056 of the	2085
Revised Code.	2086
(2) With the permission of the person affected by a notice or	2087
order, a tax administrator may deliver the notice or order through	2088
alternative means as provided in this section, including, but not	2089
limited to, delivery by secure electronic mail. Delivery by such	2090
means satisfies the requirements for delivery under this section.	2091
(B)(1)(a) If certified mail is returned because of an	2092
<u>undeliverable address, a tax administrator shall first utilize</u>	2093
reasonable means to ascertain a new last known address, including	2094
the use of a change of address service offered by the postal	2095
service or an authorized delivery service under section 5703.056	2096
of the Revised Code. If, after using reasonable means, the tax	2097

administrator is unable to ascertain a new last known address, the	2098
assessment is final for purposes of seeking a judgment for	2099
collection sixty days after the notice or order sent by certified	2100
mail is first returned to the tax administrator, and the tax	2101
administrator shall certify the notice or order, if applicable, to	2102
the appropriate municipal corporation official for collection.	2103
(b) Notwithstanding certification for collection under	2104
division (B)(1)(a) of this section, once the tax administrator or	2105
other municipal official, or the designee of either, makes an	2106
initial contact with the person to whom the notice or order is	2107
directed, the person may protest an assessment by filing a	2108
petition for reassessment with the local board of tax review	2109
within sixty days after the initial contact. The certification of	2110
an assessment under division (B)(1)(a) of this section is	2111
prima-facie evidence that delivery is complete and that the notice	2112
or order is served.	2113
(2) If mailing of a notice or order by certified mail is	2114
returned for some cause other than an undeliverable address, the	2115
tax administrator shall resend the notice or order by ordinary	2116
mail. The notice or order shall show the date the tax	2117
administrator sends the notice or order and include the following	2118
statement:	2119
"This notice or order is deemed to be served on the addressee	2120
under applicable law ten days from the date this notice or order	2121
was mailed by the tax administrator as shown on the notice or	2122
order, and all periods within which an appeal may be filed apply	2123
from and after that date."	2124
Unless the mailing is returned because of an undeliverable	2125
address, the mailing of that information is prima-facie evidence	2126
that delivery of the notice or order was completed ten days after	2127
the tax administrator sent the notice or order by ordinary mail	2128

If the ordinary mail is subsequently returned because of an	2130
undeliverable address, the tax administrator shall proceed under	2131
division (B)(1)(a) of this section. A person may challenge the	2132
presumption of delivery and service under this division in	2133
accordance with division (C) of this section.	2134
(C)(1) A person disputing the presumption of delivery and	2135
service under division (B) of this section bears the burden of	2136
proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the address to	2137
which the notice or order was sent was not an address with which	2138
the person was associated at the time the tax administrator	2139
originally mailed the notice or order by certified mail. For the	2140
purposes of this section, a person is associated with an address	2141
at the time the tax administrator originally mailed the notice or	2142
order if, at that time, the person was residing, receiving legal	2143
documents, or conducting business at the address; or if, before	2144
that time, the person had conducted business at the address and,	2145
when the notice or order was mailed, the person's agent or the	2146
person's affiliate was conducting business at the address. For the	2147
purposes of this section, a person's affiliate is any other person	2148
that, at the time the notice or order was mailed, owned or	2149
controlled at least twenty per cent, as determined by voting	2150
rights, of the addressee's business.	2151
(2) If the person elects to protest an assessment certified	2152
to a municipal corporation official for collection, the person	2153
must do so within sixty days after the initial contact by the	2154
official, or the official's designee, with the person. The	2155
official may enter into a compromise with the person if the person	2156
does not file a petition for reassessment with the tax	2157
administrator.	2158
(D) Nothing in this section prohibits the tax administrator	2159
or the tax administrator's designee from delivering a notice or	2160
order by personal service.	2161

(E) Collection actions taken upon any assessment being	2162
challenged under division (B)(1)(b) of this section shall be	2163
stayed upon the pendency of an appeal under this section. If a	2164
petition for reassessment is filed pursuant to this section on a	2165
claim that has been certified for collection, the claim shall be	2166
uncertified.	2167
(F) As used in this section:	2168
(1) "Last known address" means the address the tax	2169
administrator has at the time the document is originally sent by	2170
certified mail, or any address the tax administrator can ascertain	2171
using reasonable means such as the use of a change of address	2172
service offered by the postal service or an authorized delivery	2173
service under section 5703.056 of the Revised Code.	2174
(2) "Undeliverable address" means an address to which the	2175
postal service or an authorized delivery service under section	2176
5703.056 of the Revised Code is not able to deliver a notice or	2177
order, except when the reason for nondelivery is because the	2178
addressee fails to acknowledge or accept the notice or order.	2179
(3) "Notice or order" includes a decision, assessment, or	2180
final determination by a tax administrator.	2181
Sec. 718.19. (A) The tax administrator of a municipal	2182
corporation shall refund to employers, other payers, or taxpayers,	2183
with respect to any income or withholding tax levied by the	2184
municipal corporation:	2185
(1) Overpayments of more than five dollars;	2186
(2) Amounts in excess of five dollars paid illegally or	2187
erroneously;	2188
(3) Amounts in excess of five dollars paid on an illegal,	2189
erroneous, or excessive assessment.	2190
(B) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter,	2191

applications for refund shall be filed with the tax administrator,	2192
on the form prescribed by the municipal tax policy board, within	2193
three years from the date of the illegal, erroneous, or excessive	2194
payment of the tax, or within any additional period allowed by	2195
section 718.12 or 718.41 of the Revised Code.	2196
On filing of the refund application, the tax administrator	2197
shall determine the amount of refund due and certify such amount	2198
to the appropriate municipal corporation official for payment.	2199
(C)(1) Interest shall be allowed and paid upon any illegal or	2200
erroneous assessment in excess of five dollars at the rate per	2201
annum prescribed by section 5703.47 of the Revised Code from the	2202
date of the payment of the illegal or erroneous assessment until	2203
the date the refund of such amount is paid. If such refund results	2204
from the filing of a return or report, or the payment accompanying	2205
such return or report, by an employer, other payer, or taxpayer,	2206
rather than from an assessment by the tax administrator, such	2207
interest shall run from a period ninety days after the final	2208
filing date of the annual return until the date the refund is	2209
paid.	2210
(2) Interest shall be allowed and paid at the rate per annum	2211
prescribed by section 5703.47 of the Revised Code upon any	2212
overpayment not described in division (C)(1) of this section and	2213
in excess of five dollars from the date of the overpayment until	2214
the date of the refund of the overpayment, except that if any such	2215
overpayment is refunded within ninety days after the final filing	2216
date of the annual return or ninety days after the return is	2217
filed, whichever is later, no interest shall be allowed on such	2218
overpayment. For purposes of the payment of interest on such	2219
overpayments, no amount of tax, for any taxable year, shall be	2220
treated as having been paid before the date on which the tax	2221
return for that year was due without regard to any extension of	2222
time for filing such return.	2223

(D) An application for a refund that is received after the	2224
last day for filing specified in division (B) of this section	2225
shall be considered to have been filed in a timely manner if any	2226
of the following situations exist:	2227
(1) The application is delivered by the postal service, and	2228
the earliest postal service postmark on the cover in which the	2229
application is enclosed is not later than the last day for filing	2230
the application.	2231
(2) The application is delivered by the postal service, the	2232
only postmark on the cover in which the application is enclosed	2233
was affixed by a private postal meter, the date of that postmark	2234
is not later than the last day for filing the application, and the	2235
application is received within seven days of such last day.	2236
(3) The application is delivered by the postal service, no	2237
postmark date was affixed to the cover in which the application is	2238
enclosed or the date of the postmark so affixed is not legible,	2239
and the application is received within seven days of the last day	2240
for making the application.	2241
(E) On filing of a refund application, if a tax administrator	2242
determines that the amount of the refund to which the applicant is	2243
entitled is less than the amount claimed in the application, the	2244
tax administrator shall give the applicant written notice of the	2245
discrepancy in the manner provided in section 718.18 of the	2246
Revised Code. The notice shall be treated as an assessment for	2247
purposes of any appeal authorized under this chapter. The notice	2248
shall be sent to the address shown on the application unless the	2249
applicant notifies the tax administrator of a different address.	2250
The notice shall include the following statement printed in	2251
bold-faced capital letters: "THIS DENIAL OF FULL REFUND MAY BE	2252
APPEALED. SEE SEPARATE SHEET REGARDING YOUR APPEAL RIGHTS." The	2253
notice shall contain a separate sheet of paper providing detailed	2254
instructions on the procedures for filing an appeal. The applicant	2255

shall have sixty days from the date the applicant receives the	2256
notice to file an appeal with the local board of tax review. If	2257
the applicant fails to file an appeal within the sixty-day period,	2258
the tax administrator shall take no further action and the denial	2259
of the refund, or of any portion of the refund, becomes final.	2260
(F) As used in this section, "employer" includes an agent of	2261
an employer.	2262
Sec. 718.20. If the tax administrator of a municipal	2263
corporation finds that an employer, other payer, or taxpayer	2264
liable for any income or withholding tax levied by the municipal	2265
corporation is about to depart from the state, to remove the	2266
employer's, other payer's, or taxpayer's property therefrom, to	2267
conceal the employer's, other payer's, or taxpayer's self or the	2268
employer's, other payer's, or taxpayer's property, or to do any	2269
other act tending to prejudice or render wholly or partly	2270
ineffectual proceedings to collect such tax, unless such	2271
proceedings are brought without delay, or if the tax administrator	2272
believes that the collection of the amount due from any employer,	2273
other payer, or taxpayer will be jeopardized by delay, the tax	2274
administrator shall give notice of such findings to such employer,	2275
other payer, or taxpayer, together with the demand for an	2276
immediate return and immediate payment of such tax, with an	2277
assessment and penalty, if applicable as provided in section	2278
718.12 of the Revised Code, whereupon such tax shall become	2279
immediately due and payable. In such cases, the tax administrator	2280
may immediately file the tax administrator's entry with the clerk	2281
of the court of common pleas in the same manner and with the same	2282
effect as provided in section 718.12 of the Revised Code, provided	2283
that if such employer, other payer, or taxpayer, within five days	2284
from notice of the assessment, furnishes evidence satisfactory to	2285
the tax administrator that the employer, other payer, or taxpayer	2286
is not in default in making returns or paying or collecting any	2287

municipal income or withholding tax or that the employer, other	2288
payer, or taxpayer will duly return and pay, or post bond	2289
satisfactory to the tax administrator conditioned upon payment of	2290
the tax finally determined to be due, such tax shall not be	2291
payable prior to the time and manner otherwise fixed for payment	2292
under section 718.12 of the Revised Code, and the person assessed	2293
shall be restored to the rights granted the person under such	2294
section. Upon satisfaction of the assessment the tax administrator	2295
shall order the bond canceled, securities released, and judgment	2296
vacated.	2297
As used in this section, "employer" includes an agent of an	2298
employer.	2299
Sec. 718.21. (A) Any nonresident of a municipal corporation	2300
who accepts the privileges extended by the laws of this state or	2301
	2301
of the municipal corporation to nonresidents earning or receiving	2302
income in such municipal corporation, and any resident of a	
municipal corporation who becomes a nonresident or conceals the	2304
person's whereabouts, thereby makes the secretary of state the	2305
person's agent for the service of process or notice in any	2306
assessment, action, or proceedings instituted against such person	2307
under this chapter, such process or notice shall be served as	2308
provided under section 718.18 of the Revised Code.	2309
(B) For purposes of this chapter, any foreign corporation,	2310
owning or using a part or all of its capital or property in a	2311
municipal corporation, which is not authorized by the secretary of	2312
state to transact business in this state, shall be conclusively	2313
presumed to have designated the secretary of state as its agent	2314
for the service of process in any action against such corporation	2315
to recover taxes which the tax administrator for such municipal	2316
corporation is by law required to administer. Pursuant to such	2317
service, suit may be brought in municipal court, the common pleas	2318

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court of the county in which the municipal corporation is located,	2319
or in any county in which such corporation owns or uses its	2320
capital or property. Such service shall be made upon the secretary	2321
of state by leaving with the secretary of state, or with an	2322
assistant secretary of state, triplicate copies of such process,	2323
together with an affidavit of the tax administrator, showing the	2324
last known address of such corporation. Upon receipt of such	2325
process and affidavit the secretary of state shall forthwith give	2326
notice by certified mail to the corporation at the address	2327
specified in the affidavit and forward together therewith a copy	2328
of such process. The secretary of state shall retain a copy of	2329
such process in the secretary of state's files, keep a record of	2330
any such process served upon the secretary of state, and record	2331
therein the time of such service and the secretary of state's	2332
action thereafter with respect thereto.	2333
The provisions of this section do not affect any right to	2334
serve process upon a foreign corporation in any other manner	2335
permitted by law.	2336
Sec. 718.22. (A) The municipal tax policy board may, by rule,	2337
prescribe uniform requirements as to the keeping of records and	2338
other pertinent documents related to the liability of any person	2339
for a tax imposed by a municipal corporation in accordance with	2340
this chapter, and as to the filing of copies of federal income tax	2341
returns and determinations. Such records and other documents shall	2342
be open to the tax administrator's inspection during business	2343
hours and shall be preserved for a period of six years following	2344
the end of the taxable year to which the records or documents	2345
relate, unless the tax administrator, in writing, consents to	2346
their destruction within that period, or by order requires that	2347
they be kept longer.	2348
(B) In addition to any requirements prescribed pursuant to	2349

division (A) of this section, the tax administrator of a municipal	2350
corporation may require any person, by notice served on that	2351
person, to keep such records as the tax administrator determines	2352
necessary to show whether or not that person is liable, and the	2353
extent of such liability, for the income tax levied by the	2354
municipal corporation or for the withholding of such tax.	2355
Sec. 718.23. The tax administrator of a municipal corporation	2356
may require, by order or subpoena served on any company, firm,	2357
corporation, person, association, partnership, limited liability	2358
company, or public utility in the same manner that a summons is	2359
served in a civil action in the court of common pleas, the	2360
production within the municipal corporation, at the time and place	2361
the tax administrator designates, of any books, accounts, papers,	2362
or records kept by that company, firm, corporation, person,	2363
association, partnership, limited liability company, or public	2364
utility in any office or place within or without the state, or	2365
verified copies in lieu of the books, accounts, papers, or records	2366
if the tax administrator so orders, so that an examination of the	2367
books, accounts, papers, or records may be made by the tax	2368
administrator.	2369
No such company, firm, corporation, person, association,	2370
partnership, limited liability company, or public utility shall	2371
fail to comply with any order or subpoena issued pursuant to this	2372
section; for each day it so fails, it shall pay to the municipal	2373
corporation a sum of not less than fifty nor more than five	2374
hundred dollars.	2375
Sec. 718.24. Nothing in this chapter shall limit the	2376
authority of a tax administrator to perform any of the following	2377
duties or functions, unless the performance of such duties or	2378
functions is expressly limited by a provision of the Revised Code:	2379

(A) Exercise all powers whatsoever of an inquisitorial nature	2380
as provided by law, including, the right to inspect books,	2381
accounts, records, and memorandums, to examine persons under oath,	2382
to issue orders or subpoenas for the production of books,	2383
accounts, papers, records, documents, and testimony, to take	2384
depositions, to apply to a court for attachment proceedings as for	2385
contempt, to approve vouchers for the fees of officers and	2386
witnesses, and to administer oaths; provided that the powers	2387
referred to in this division of this section shall be exercised by	2388
the tax administrator only in connection with the performance of	2389
the duties respectively assigned to the tax administrator under a	2390
municipal corporation income tax ordinance or resolution adopted	2391
in accordance with this chapter;	2392
(B) Appoint agents and prescribe their powers and duties;	2393
(C) Confer and meet with officers of other municipal	2394
corporations and states and officers of the United States on any	2395
matters pertaining to their respective official duties as provided	2396
by law;	2397
(D) Exercise the authority provided by law, including orders	2398
from bankruptcy courts, relative to remitting or refunding taxes	2399
or assessments, including penalties and interest thereon,	2400
illegally or erroneously assessed or collected, or for any other	2401
reason overpaid, and, in addition, the tax administrator may	2402
investigate any claim of overpayment and make a written statement	2403
of the tax administrator's findings, and, if the tax administrator	2404
finds that there has been an overpayment, approve and issue a	2405
refund payable to the taxpayer, the taxpayer's assigns, or legal	2406
representative as provided in this chapter;	2407
(E) Exercise the authority provided by law relative to	2408
consenting to the compromise and settlement of tax claims;	2409
(F) Exercise the authority provided by law relative to the	2410

use of alternative apportionment methods by taxpayers in	2411
accordance with section 718.02 of the Revised Code;	2412
(G) Make all tax assessments, findings, determinations,	2413
computations, and orders the tax administrator is by law	2414
authorized and required to make and, pursuant to time limitations	2415
provided by law, on the tax administrator's own motion, review,	2416
redetermine, or correct any tax assessments, findings,	2417
determinations, computations, or orders the tax administrator has	2418
made, but the tax administrator shall not review, redetermine, or	2419
correct any tax assessment, finding, determination, computation,	2420
or order which the tax administrator has made as to which an	2421
appeal or application for rehearing, review, redetermination, or	2422
correction has been filed with the local board of tax review or	2423
other appropriate tribunal, unless such appeal or application is	2424
withdrawn by the appellant or applicant, is dismissed, or is	2425
<pre>otherwise final;</pre>	2426
(H) Allow the filing of tax returns and payments by	2427
electronic means or through the Ohio business gateway;	2428
(I) Destroy any or all returns or assessment certificates in	2429
the manner authorized by law;	2430
(J) Enter into an agreement with a taxpayer to simplify the	2431
withholding obligations described in section 718.03 of the Revised	2432
Code.	2433
Sec. 718.25. A person may round to the nearest whole dollar	2434
all amounts the person is required to enter on any return, report,	2435
voucher, or other document required under this chapter. Any	2436
fractional part of a dollar that equals or exceeds fifty cents	2437
shall be rounded to the next whole dollar, and any fractional part	2438
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of a dollar that is less than fifty cents shall be dropped. If a	
person chooses to round amounts entered on a document, the person	2440
shall round all amounts entered on the document.	2441

Sec. 718.26. (A) Nothing in this chapter prohibits a tax	2442
administrator from requiring any person filing a tax document with	2443
the tax administrator to provide identifying information, which	2444
may include the person's social security number, federal employer	2445
identification number, or other identification number requested by	2446
the tax administrator. A person required by the tax administrator	2447
to provide identifying information that has experienced any change	2448
with respect to that information shall notify the tax	2449
administrator of the change before, or upon, filing the next tax	2450
document requiring the identifying information.	2451
(B) When transmitting or otherwise making use of a tax	2452
document that contains a person's social security number, the tax	2453
administrator shall take all reasonable measures necessary to	2454
ensure that the number is not capable of being viewed by the	2455
general public, including, when necessary, masking the number so	2456
that it is not readily discernible by the general public. The tax	2457
administrator shall not put a person's social security number on	2458
the outside of any material mailed to the person.	2459
(C)(1) If the tax administrator makes a request for	2460
identifying information and the tax administrator does not receive	2461
valid identifying information within thirty days of making the	2462
request, nothing in this chapter prohibits the tax administrator	2463
from imposing a penalty upon the person to whom the request was	2464
directed pursuant to section 718.27 of the Revised Code, in	2465
addition to any applicable penalty described in section 718.99 of	2466
the Revised Code.	2467
(2) If a person required by the tax administrator to provide	2468
identifying information does not notify the tax administrator of a	2469
change with respect to that information as required under division	2470
(A) of this section within thirty days after filing the next tax	2471
document requiring such identifying information, nothing in this	2472

chapter prohibits the tax administrator from imposing a penalty	2473
pursuant to section 718.27 of the Revised Code.	2474
(3) The penalties provided for under divisions (C)(1) and (2)	2475
of this section may be billed and assessed in the same manner as	2476
the tax or fee with respect to which the identifying information	2477
is sought and are in addition to any applicable criminal penalties	2478
described in section 718.99 of the Revised Code for a violation of	2479
section 718.36 of the Revised Code and any other penalties that	2480
may be imposed by the tax administrator by law.	2481
Sec. 718.27. (A) For purposes of this section:	2482
(1) "Applicable law" means this chapter, sections 5747.063	2483
and 5747.064 of the Revised Code, the resolutions, ordinances, and	2484
rules adopted by a municipal corporation or tax administrator in	2485
accordance with section 718.04 or 718.30 of the Revised Code, and	2486
the rules adopted by the municipal tax policy board that apply to	2487
taxable years ending on or after January 1, 2014, provided such	2488
resolutions, ordinances, and rules impose or directly or	2489
indirectly address the levy, payment, remittance, or filing	2490
requirements of a municipal income tax.	2491
(2) "Income tax," "estimated income tax," and "withholding	2492
tax" means any income tax, estimated income tax, and withholding	2493
tax imposed by a municipal corporation pursuant to applicable law.	2494
(3) A "return" includes any tax return, report,	2495
reconciliation, schedule, statement, and other document required	2496
to be filed with a tax administrator or municipal corporation by a	2497
taxpayer, employer, any agent of the employer, or any other payer	2498
pursuant to applicable law.	2499
(4) "Penalty rate" means the rate described in division (B)	2500
of section 5703.47 of the Revised Code that is used in making the	2501
computation for interest that accrues during the following	2502

calendar year.	2503
(5) "Unpaid estimated income tax" means estimated income tax	2504
due but not paid by the date the tax is required to be paid under	2505
applicable law.	2506
(6) "Unpaid income tax" means income tax due but not paid by	2507
the date the income tax is required to be paid under applicable	2508
law.	2509
(7) "Unpaid withholding tax" means withholding tax due but	2510
not paid by the date the withholding tax is required to be paid	2511
under applicable law.	2512
(8) "Withholding tax" includes amounts an employer, any agent	2513
of an employer, or any other payer did not withhold in whole or in	2514
part from an employee's qualifying wages, but that, under	2515
applicable law, the employer, agent, or other payer is required to	2516
withhold from an employee's qualifying wages.	2517
(B) This section applies to the following:	2518
(1) Any return required to be filed under applicable law;	2519
(2) Any return required to be filed before the effective date	2520
of the enactment of this section if the return has not been filed	2521
on or before the one hundred eightieth day after that effective	2522
<pre>date;</pre>	2523
(3) Income tax, estimated income tax, and withholding tax	2524
required to be paid or remitted to the municipal corporation on or	2525
after that effective date;	2526
(4) Income tax, estimated income tax, and withholding tax	2527
required to be paid or remitted to the municipal corporation any	2528
time before that effective date if the income tax, estimated	2529
income tax, or withholding tax has not been paid or remitted on or	2530
before the one hundred eightieth day after that effective date.	2531
(C) A tax administrator may not require interest to accrue on	2532

each failure of the individual to file timely the annual return	2549
required by section 718.05 of the Revised Code, regardless of the	2550
liability shown thereon.	2551
(4) For returns other than an individual's annual return, a	2552
penalty for the failure to file timely each return of twenty-five	2553
dollars per month, or for any fraction thereof, for each month	2554
during which the return remains unfiled regardless of the	2555
liability shown thereon. A penalty imposed under division $(D)(4)$	2556
of this section shall not exceed one hundred fifty dollars for	2557
each failure to timely file.	2558
(E)(1) With respect to income tax, estimated income tax,	2559
withholding tax, and returns, no tax administrator shall impose,	2560
seek to collect, or collect any penalty, amount of interest,	2561
charges, or additional fees not authorized in this section.	2562
(2) Nothing in this section requires a municipal corporation	2563

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to refund or credit any penalty, amount of interest, charges, or	2564
additional fees that the municipal corporation properly imposed or	2565
collected with respect to taxable years ending before January 1,	2566
<u>2014.</u>	2567
(F) A tax administrator may fully or partially abate any	2568
penalty or interest imposed under this section when the tax	2569
administrator determines, in the tax administrator's sole	2570
discretion or upon good cause shown, that such abatement is	2571
appropriate.	2572
(G) Within ten days after computing the penalty rate, the tax	2573
commissioner shall publish the penalty rate on the department of	2574
taxation's web site and shall notify each tax administrator of the	2575
penalty rate. Each tax administrator of a municipal corporation	2576
that levies a tax on income shall publish the penalty rate, as	2577
calculated by the tax commissioner on the tax administrator's or	2578
municipal corporation's web site.	2579
(H) Nothing in this chapter prohibits a tax administrator	2580
from imposing on a taxpayer, employer, any agent of an employer,	2581
or any other payer the municipal corporation's collection costs	2582
and fees, including attorney fees, litigation activities, and	2583
related appeals, and any other related fees and charges, incurred	2584
by the municipal corporation in connection with the municipal	2585
corporation's collection activities. Nothing in this division	2586
prevents a taxpayer from seeking reimbursement of attorney fees	2587
and costs of appeals in accordance with section 718.44 of the	2588
Revised Code.	2589
(I) A tax administrator may not impose a fine of more than	2590
one thousand dollars against a person that violates section 718.40	2591
of the Revised Code.	2592
(J) If a tax administrator imposes a fine against a person	2593

that violates any law that the tax administrator is required to

administer, or fails to perform any duty required by such law, for	2595
which a penalty or the amount of a penalty has not otherwise been	2596
provided, or fails to obey any lawful requirement or order made by	2597
the tax administrator, the fine shall not be less than twenty-five	2598
dollars or more than one thousand dollars.	2599
(K) The tax administrator shall credit any penalty or	2600
interest collected under this section to the municipal corporation	2601
that imposes the income tax, in accordance with any resolution or	2602
ordinance adopted by the municipal corporation.	2603
Sec. 718.28. (A) As used in this section, "claim" means a	2604
claim for an amount payable to a municipal corporation that arises	2605
under this chapter and for which a tax administrator has certified	2606
an assessment to the clerk of courts under section 718.12 of the	2607
Revised Code.	2608
(B) Nothing in this chapter prohibits a tax administrator	2609
from doing either of the following if such action is in the best	2610
interests of the municipal corporation:	2611
(1) Compromise a claim.	2612
(2) Extend for a reasonable period the time for payment of a	2613
claim by agreeing to accept monthly or other periodic payments.	2614
The agreement may require security for payment of the claim.	2615
(C) The tax administrator shall consider the following	2616
standards when ascertaining with respect to a claim whether a	2617
compromise or payment-over-time agreement is in the best interests	2618
of the municipal corporation:	2619
(1) There exists a doubt as to whether the claim can be	2620
collected.	2621
(2) There exists a substantial probability that, upon payment	2622
of the claim and submission of a timely application for refund	2623
with respect to that payment, the tax administrator would refund	2624

Sec. 718.29. Each tax administrator's office shall be open

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accrue and be due.

for the transaction of business during the business hours of every	2655
day, except Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. By resolution	2656
or ordinance, the municipal corporation may designate business	2657
hours. The municipal corporation shall publish designated business	2658
hours.	2659
Sec. 718.30. Nothing in this chapter prohibits the	2660
legislative authority of a municipal corporation, or a tax	2661
administrator pursuant to authority granted to the administrator	2662
by resolution or ordinance, to adopt rules to administer an income	2663
tax imposed by the municipal corporation in accordance with this	2664
chapter or to audit taxpayers. Such rules shall not conflict with	2665
or be inconsistent with any provision of this chapter or sections	2666
5747.063 and 5747.064 of the Revised Code or with any rule adopted	2667
by the municipal tax policy board pursuant to section 718.42 of	2668
the Revised Code. Unless rules adopted under this section are	2669
published and posted on the internet as described in section	2670
718.07 of the Revised Code, the rules may not be enforced by the	2671
tax administrator or municipal corporation.	2672
Sec. 718.31. (A) To carry out the purposes of laws that a tax	2673
administrator is required to administer, the tax administrator or	2674
any person employed by the tax administrator for that purpose,	2675
upon demand, may inspect the books, accounts, records, and	2676
memoranda of any person subject to those laws, and may examine	2677
under oath any officer, agent, or employee of that person. Any	2678
person other than the tax administrator who makes a demand	2679
pursuant to this section shall produce the person's authority to	2680
make the inspection.	2681
(B) If a person receives at least ten days' written notice of	2682
a demand made under division (A) of this section and refuses to	2683
comply with that demand, the tax administrator may impose a	2684

the tax administrator shall conduct an audit of a taxpayer during

regular business hours and after providing reasonable notice to	2715
the taxpayer. A taxpayer who is unable to comply with a proposed	2716
time for an audit on the grounds that the proposed time would	2717
cause inconvenience or hardship must offer reasonable alternative	2718
dates for the audit.	2719
(C) At all stages of an audit by the tax administrator, a	2720
taxpayer is entitled to be assisted or represented by an attorney,	2721
accountant, bookkeeper, or other tax practitioner. The tax	2722
administrator shall prescribe a form by which a taxpayer may	2723
designate such a person to assist or represent the taxpayer in the	2724
conduct of any proceedings resulting from actions by the tax	2725
administrator. If a taxpayer has not submitted such a form, the	2726
tax administrator may accept other evidence, as the tax	2727
administrator considers appropriate, that a person is the	2728
authorized representative of a taxpayer.	2729
A taxpayer may refuse to answer any questions asked by the	2730
person conducting an audit until the taxpayer has an opportunity	2731
to consult with the taxpayer's attorney, accountant, bookkeeper,	2732
or other tax practitioner. This division does not authorize the	2733
practice of law by a person who is not an attorney.	2734
(D) A taxpayer may record, electronically or otherwise, the	2735
audit examination.	2736
(E) The failure of the tax administrator to comply with a	2737
provision of this section shall neither excuse a taxpayer from	2738
payment of any taxes owed by the taxpayer nor cure any procedural	2739
defect in a taxpayer's case.	2740
(F) If the tax administrator fails to substantially comply	2741
with the provisions of this section, the tax administrator, upon	2742
application by the taxpayer, shall excuse the taxpayer from	2743
penalties and interest arising from the audit.	2744

Sec. 718.37. (A) If the municipal corporation imposing a tax	2745
in accordance with this chapter has a population greater than	2746
thirty thousand according to the most recent decennial census or	2747
if the tax administrator charged with the administration of the	2748
tax is one other than a tax administrator described by division	2749
(U)(2) of section 718.01 of the Revised Code, the tax	2750
administrator shall appoint one or more problem resolution	2751
officers. Each problem resolution officer shall be a new or	2752
existing employee of the tax administrator. Problem resolution	2753
officers shall receive and review inquiries and complaints	2754
concerning matters that have been pending before the tax	2755
administrator for an unreasonable length of time or to which a	2756
taxpayer has been unable to obtain a satisfactory response after	2757
several attempts to communicate with the person assigned by the	2758
tax administrator to the taxpayer's case or that person's	2759
<pre>immediate supervisor.</pre>	2760
Matters arising in cases on appeal from an assessment of the	2761
tax administrator or in cases certified for collection are not	2762
reviewable by a problem resolution officer. An action taken by a	2763
problem resolution officer is not a final order of the tax	2764
administrator and is not appealable to the local board of tax	2765
review.	2766
(B) Neither a tax administrator nor a municipal corporation	2767
shall use the amount of taxes assessed by an employee of the tax	2768
administrator or the municipal corporation as the basis of a	2769
production quota system for employees or the basis for evaluating	2770
an employee's performance.	2771
Sec. 718.38. (A) An "opinion of the tax administrator" means	2772
an opinion issued under this section with respect to prospective	2773
municipal income tax liability. It does not include ordinary	2774
correspondence of the tax administrator or the municipal tax	2775

policy board.	2776
(B) A taxpayer may submit a written request for an opinion of	2777
the tax administrator as to whether or how certain income, source	2778
of income, or a certain activity or transaction will be taxed. The	2779
written response of the tax administrator shall be an "opinion of	2780
the tax administrator" and shall bind the tax administrator, in	2781
accordance with divisions (C), (G), and (H) of this section,	2782
<pre>provided all of the following conditions are satisfied:</pre>	2783
(1) The taxpayer's request fully and accurately describes the	2784
specific facts or circumstances relevant to a determination of the	2785
taxability of the income, source of income, activity, or	2786
transaction, and, if an activity or transaction, all parties	2787
involved in the activity or transaction are clearly identified by	2788
name, location, or other pertinent facts.	2789
(2) The request relates to a tax imposed by the municipal	2790
corporation in accordance with this chapter.	2791
(3) The tax administrator's response is signed by the tax	2792
administrator and designated as an "opinion of the tax	2793
administrator."	2794
(C) An opinion of the tax administrator shall remain in	2795
effect and shall protect the taxpayer for whom the opinion was	2796
prepared and who reasonably relies on it from liability for any	2797
taxes, penalty, or interest otherwise chargeable on the activity	2798
or transaction specifically held by the tax administrator's	2799
opinion to be taxable in a particular manner or not to be subject	2800
to taxation for any taxable years that may be specified in the	2801
opinion, or until the earliest of the following dates:	2802
(1) The effective date of a written revocation by the tax	2803
administrator sent to the taxpayer by certified mail, return	2804
receipt requested. The effective date of the revocation shall be	2805

the taxpayer's date of receipt or one year after the issuance of	2806
the opinion, whichever is later;	2807
(2) The effective date of any amendment or enactment of a	2808
relevant section of the Revised Code, uncodified state law, or the	2809
municipal corporation's income tax ordinance that would	2810
substantially change the analysis and conclusion of the opinion of	2811
the tax administrator;	2812
(3) The date on which a court issues an opinion establishing	2813
or changing relevant case law with respect to the Revised Code,	2814
uncodified state law, or the municipal corporation's income tax	2815
ordinance;	2816
(4) If the opinion of the tax administrator was based on the	2817
interpretation of federal law, the effective date of any change in	2818
the relevant federal statutes or regulations, or the date on which	2819
a court issues an opinion establishing or changing relevant case	2820
law with respect to federal statutes or regulations;	2821
(5) The effective date of any change in the taxpayer's	2822
material facts or circumstances;	2823
(6) The effective date of the expiration of the opinion, if	2824
specified in the opinion.	2825
(D) A taxpayer is not relieved of tax liability for any	2826
activity or transaction related to a request for an opinion that	2827
contained any misrepresentation or omission of one or more	2828
material facts.	2829
(E) If a tax administrator provides written advice under this	2830
section, the opinion shall include a statement that:	2831
(1) The tax consequences stated in the opinion may be subject	2832
to change for any of the reasons stated in division (C) of this	2833
section;	2834
(2) It is the duty of the taxpayer to be aware of such	2835

appealed.

omission of a tax administrator, a tax administrator's employee,	2866
or an employee of the municipal corporation may bring an action	2867
against a tax administrator, against the municipal corporation, or	2868
against both, for damages in the court of common pleas of the	2869
county in which the municipal corporation is located, if all of	2870
the following apply:	2871
(1) In the action or omission the tax administrator, a tax	2872
administrator's employees, or an employee of the municipal	2873
corporation frivolously disregards a provision of this chapter, a	2874
rule promulgated by the municipal tax policy board under section	2875
718.44 of the Revised Code, or an instruction of the tax	2876
administrator;	2877
(2) The action or omission occurred with respect to an audit	2878
or assessment and the review and collection proceedings connected	2879
with the audit or assessment;	2880
(3) The tax administrator, a tax administrator's employee, or	2881
an employee of the municipal corporation did not act manifestly	2882
outside the scope of employment and did not act with malicious	2883
purpose, in bad faith, or in a wanton or reckless manner.	2884
(B) In any action brought under division (A) of this section,	2885
upon a finding of liability on the part of the tax administrator	2886
or the municipal corporation, the tax administrator or the	2887
municipal corporation shall be liable to the taxpayer in an amount	2888
equal to the sum of the following:	2889
(1) Compensatory damages sustained by the taxpayer as a	2890
result of the action or omission by the tax administrator, the tax	2891
administrator's employee, or the employee of the municipal	2892
corporation;	2893
(2) Reasonable costs of litigation and attorneys' fees	2894
sustained by the taxpaver.	2895

(C) In the awarding of damages under division (B) of this	2896
section, the court shall take into account the negligent actions	2897
or omissions, if any, on the part of the taxpayer that contributed	2898
to the damages, but shall not be bound by the provisions of	2899
sections 2315.32 to 2315.36 of the Revised Code.	2900
(D) Whenever it appears to the court that a taxpayer's	2901
conduct in the proceedings brought under division (A) of this	2902
section is frivolous, the court may impose a penalty against the	2903
taxpayer in an amount not to exceed ten thousand dollars which	2904
shall be paid to the general revenue fund of the state.	2905
(E) Division (A) of this section does not apply to opinions	2906
of the tax administrator or other information functions of the tax	2907
administrator.	2908
(F) As used in this section, "frivolous" means that the	2909
conduct of the tax administrator, an employee of the municipal	2910
corporation or the tax administrator, the taxpayer, or the	2911
taxpayer's counsel of record satisfies either of the following:	2912
(1) It obviously serves merely to harass or maliciously	2913
injure the tax administrator, the municipal corporation, or	2914
employees thereof if referring to the conduct of a taxpayer or the	2915
taxpayer's counsel of record, or to harass or maliciously injure	2916
the taxpayer if referring to the conduct of the tax administrator,	2917
the municipal corporation, or employees thereof;	2918
(2) It is not warranted under existing law and cannot be	2919
supported by a good faith argument for an extension, modification,	2920
or reversal of existing law.	2921
Sec. 718.40. No officer, agent, or employee of any company,	2922
firm, person, partnership, corporation, or association, subject to	2923
any law the tax administrator is required to administer shall fail	2923
to fill out and return any returns required by such law fail to	2929

answer any questions therein propounded, or knowingly or willfully	2926
give a false answer to any such question where the fact inquired	2927
of is within the officer's, agent's, or employee's knowledge, or	2928
fail upon proper demand to exhibit to the tax administrator any	2929
book, paper, account, record, or memoranda of such public utility,	2930
which is in possession of such officer, agent, or employee or	2931
under the officer's, agent's, or employee's control.	2932
Sec. 718.41. (A) If any of the facts, figures, computations,	2933
or attachments required in a taxpayer's annual return to determine	2934
the tax due levied by the municipal corporation in accordance with	2935
this chapter must be altered as the result of an adjustment to the	2936
taxpayer's federal or state income tax return, whether initiated	2937
by the taxpayer, the internal revenue service, or the tax	2938
commissioner, and such alteration affects the taxpayer's tax	2939
liability under this chapter, the taxpayer shall file an amended	2940
return with the tax administrator in such form as the municipal	2941
tax policy board requires in accordance with section 718.42 of the	2942
Revised Code. The amended return shall be filed not later than	2943
sixty days after the adjustment has been agreed to or finally	2944
determined for federal or state income tax purposes or any federal	2945
or state income tax deficiency or refund, or the abatement or	2946
credit resulting therefrom, has been assessed or paid, whichever	2947
occurs first.	2948
(B)(1) In the case of an underpayment, the amended return	2949
shall be accompanied by payment of any combined additional tax due	2950
together with interest thereon. If the combined tax shown to be	2951
due is five dollars or less, such amount need not accompany the	2952
amended return. An amended return required by this section is a	2953
return subject to assessment under section 718.12 of the Revised	2954
Code for the purpose of assessing any additional tax due under	2955
this section, together with any applicable penalty and interest.	2956

Except as provided under division (B)(2) of this section, the	2957
amended return shall not reopen those facts, figures,	2958
computations, or attachments from a previously filed return no	2959
longer subject to assessment that are not affected, either	2960
directly or indirectly, but the adjustment to the taxpayer's	2961
federal or state income tax return.	2962
(2) The additional tax to be paid shall not exceed the amount	2963
of tax which would be due if all facts, figures, computations, and	2964
attachments were reopened.	2965
(C)(1) In the case of an overpayment, an application for	2966
refund may be filed under this division within the sixty-day	2967
period prescribed for filing the amended return even if it is	2968
filed beyond the period prescribed in section 718.19 of the	2969
Revised Code if it otherwise conforms to the requirements of that	2970
section. If the amount of the refund is five dollars or less, no	2971
refund need be paid by the municipal corporation to the taxpayer.	2972
Except as set forth in division (C)(2) of this section, an	2973
application filed under this division shall claim refund of	2974
overpayments resulting from alterations to only those facts,	2975
figures, computations, or attachments required in the taxpayer's	2976
annual return that are affected, either directly or indirectly, by	2977
the adjustment to the taxpayer's federal or state income tax	2978
return unless it is also filed within the time prescribed in	2979
section 718.19 of the Revised Code. Except as set forth in	2980
division (C)(2) of this section, the application shall not reopen	2981
those facts, figures, computations, or attachments that are not	2982
affected, either directly or indirectly, by the adjustment to the	2983
taxpayer's federal or state income tax return.	2984
(2) The amount to be refunded shall not exceed the amount of	2985
refund that would be due if all facts, figures, computations, and	2986
attachments were reopened.	2987

Sec. 718.42. (A) The governor shall appoint a municipal tax	2988
policy board consisting of seven members comprised as follows:	2989
(1) One member shall be the tax administrator of a municipal	2990
corporation with a population greater than three hundred fifty	2991
thousand according to the most recent decennial census;	2992
(2) One member shall be the tax administrator of a municipal	2993
corporation with a population greater than one hundred thousand,	2994
but not more than three hundred fifty thousand according to the	2995
most recent decennial census;	2996
(3) One member shall be the tax administrator of a municipal	2997
corporation with a population greater than fifty thousand, but not	2998
more than one hundred thousand according to the most recent	2999
decennial census;	3000
(4) One member shall be the tax administrator of a municipal	3001
corporation with a population greater than fifteen thousand, but	3002
not more than fifty thousand according to the most recent	3003
decennial census;	3004
(5) One member shall be the tax administrator of a municipal	3005
corporation with a population of not more than fifteen thousand	3006
according to the most recent decennial census;	3007
(6) One member shall be an employee of the regional income	3008
tax authority;	3009
(7) One member shall be an employee of the central collection	3010
agency.	3011
(B) Of the original members of the municipal income tax	3012
policy board, two members shall be appointed to terms ending March	3013
31, 2013, two members shall be appointed to terms ending March 31,	3014
2014, and three members shall be appointed to terms ending March	3015
31, 2015. Thereafter, terms of office for all members shall be	3016
three years, commencing on the first day of April and ending on	3017

the thirty-first day of March. Each member shall hold office from	3018
the date of appointment until the date of the end of the term for	3019
which the member was appointed. Any member shall continue in	3020
office subsequent to the expiration date of the member's term	3021
until the member's successor takes office, or until a period of	3022
sixty days has elapsed, whichever occurs first.	3023
One of the members of the board shall be named by the	3024
governor as chair of the board at the time of making the	3025
appointment of any member for a full term. No member of the board	3026
shall receive a salary.	3027
(C) The governor may remove any member of the municipal tax	3028
policy board for malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in	3029
office, giving the member a copy of the charges against the member	3030
and affording the member an opportunity to be publicly heard in	3031
person or by counsel in the member's own defense upon not less	3032
than ten days' notice. If the member is removed, the governor	3033
shall file in the office of the secretary of state a complete	3034
statement of all charges made against the member and the	3035
governor's finding on the charges together with a complete report	3036
of the proceedings. The governor's decision on the charges is	3037
final.	3038
A member of the municipal tax policy board who, for any	3039
reason, ceases to meet the qualifications for the position	3040
prescribed by division (A) of this section shall resign	3041
immediately by operation of law.	3042
(D) A vacancy in an unexpired term shall be filled in the	3043
same manner as the original appointment and in such a way that the	3044
composition of the board remains as specified in division (A) of	3045
this section. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring	3046
prior to the expiration of the term for which the member's	3047
predecessor was appointed shall hold office for the remainder of	3048
that term. No vacancy on the board shall impair the power and	3049

authority of the remaining members to exercise all the powers of	3050
the board.	3051
(E) Upon application by one or more tax administrators, or as	3052
otherwise required by this chapter, the municipal tax policy board	3053
may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised	3054
Code related to municipal corporations' administration and	3055
enforcement of income taxes levied in accordance with this	3056
chapter. A rule adopted by the municipal tax policy board shall	3057
apply to each municipal corporation in this state. Before adopting	3058
a rule, the municipal tax policy board may seek comments from	3059
municipal corporations, tax practitioners, and taxpayers. One or	3060
more municipal corporations may make applications to the municipal	3061
tax policy board for review of any rule adopted under this	3062
division.	3063
(F) The municipal tax policy board may designate working	3064
committees. The committees shall be chaired by a member of the	3065
board, but the committee may include members not serving on the	3066
board such as tax administrators or interested members of the	3067
public.	3068
(G) All forms, reports, schedules, and attachments required	3069
to be filed pursuant to this chapter or, with respect to municipal	3070
income taxes, sections 5747.063 and 5747.064 of the Revised Code,	3071
shall be prescribed and created by the municipal tax policy board.	3072
Before prescribing and creating such forms, the municipal tax	3073
policy board shall seek the comments of tax administrators other	3074
than those described in division (U)(2) of section 718.01 of the	3075
Revised Code and any other persons the municipal tax policy board	3076
deems appropriate.	3077
(H) Subject to division (I) of this section, the municipal	3078
tax policy board shall prescribe the forms that the signature and	3079
declaration, if any, shall take on any document required to be	3080
filed with a tax administrator and or any other document required	3081

under this chapter.	3082
No such document need be sworn to. Any such document shall	3083
have printed on it the following statement, which shall be	3084
subscribed to by the person signing such return, claim, or report:	3085
"I declare under penalties of perjury that this return or claim	3086
(including any accompanying schedules and statements) has been	3087
examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is a	3088
true, correct, and complete return and report."	3089
(I) Income tax returns, reports, or other documents requiring	3090
the signature of a return preparer shall be accepted by a tax	3091
administrator if the facsimile of such a signature is provided in	3092
lieu of a manual signature.	3093
(J) A person may use forms other than those prescribed	3094
pursuant to division (G) of this section if the other forms	3095
contain all the information required to be included on such forms	3096
by the municipal tax policy board. Such forms will be accepted as	3097
valid forms by the tax administrator with whom the form is filed.	3098
(K) As used in this division, "document" means any report,	3099
return, schedule, statement, claim, or other item intended for	3100
submission to any tax administrator or an employee thereof	3101
concerning any tax imposed by the tax administrator in accordance	3102
with this chapter.	3103
The municipal tax policy board may designate which documents	3104
promulgated by the board must be signed by return preparers.	3105
(L) The municipal tax policy board shall provide an	3106
instructional booklet, in both printed and electronic formats, for	3107
filing any tax returns, forms, and schedules required under this	3108
chapter. The instructional booklet shall include a general	3109
description of the method by which the tax is assessed and	3110
collected and the rights and responsibilities of the taxpayer in	3111
that process.	3112

(M) The municipal tax policy board shall meet at least	3113
quarterly and may meet more frequently upon motion of the chair.	3114
The principal office of the board shall be located in Franklin	3115
county. The board shall take such action as necessary to fulfill	3116
the duties of the municipal tax policy board under this chapter.	3117
The municipal tax policy board is a public body under section	3118
121.22 of the Revised Code and a public office under section	3119
149.43 of the Revised Code, and all records of the municipal tax	3120
policy board are public records under section 149.43 of the	3121
Revised Code unless the record discloses the identity of any	3122
taxpayer.	3123
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Sec. 718.43. (A) For each taxable year ending on or after	3124
January 1, 2014, each pass-through entity having net profit	3125
apportioned or sitused to a municipal corporation under section	3126
718.02 of the Revised Code for the taxable year shall withhold	3127
from each owner an amount equal to the owner's distributive share	3128
of the net profit of the pass-through entity, whether or not	3129
distributed, multiplied by the rate of the corresponding municipal	3130
income tax.	3131
(B) On or before the fifteenth day of the fourth month	3132
following the end of the pass-through entity's taxable year, every	3133
pass-through entity subject to the withholding requirement under	3134
this section shall file an annual return with the tax	3135
administrator and remit to the tax administrator the amount of the	3136
taxes shown to be due on the return.	3137
(C)(1) Any amount withheld under division (A) of this section	3138
and remitted to the tax administrator shall be treated as a	3139
payment of the tax liability or of the liability for withholding	3140
under this section of the owner to whom the income is	3141
distributable for the taxable year for which that owner incurred a	3142
liability for municipal income tax.	3143

(2) An owner may claim a credit against the income tax	3144
imposed by a municipal corporation equal to the amount withheld by	3145
a pass-through entity with respect to net profit distributable to	3146
the owner by the pass-through entity under division (A) of this	3147
section. The municipal tax policy board shall adopt rules in	3148
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to govern the	3149
manner by which such an owner may claim the credit.	3150
(D) If the only source of income for an owner in a municipal	3151
corporation is income from distributive shares in one or more	3152
pass-through entities that withhold and report tax to the	3153
municipal corporation in accordance with divisions (A) and (B) of	3154
this section, the owner is not required to file a return in	3155
accordance with section 718.05 of this section to report such	3156
income.	3157
(E) Any pass-through entity that is required to withhold tax	3158
under division (A) of this section that has received an extension	3159
to file the pass-through entity's federal tax return for	3160
partnership or S corporation income shall not be required to	3161
notify the municipal corporation of the federal extension and	3162
shall not be required to file any municipal income tax return	3163
until the last day of the month to which the due date for filing	3164
the federal return has been extended. An extension of time to file	3165
is not an extension of the time to pay any tax due. Upon filing	3166
the return required in division (B) of this section the	3167
pass-through entity shall include a copy of the federal extension	3168
request.	3169
Sec. 718.44. (A) If a taxpayer appeals an assessment or a	3170
denial of a refund claim related to an income tax imposed by a	3171
municipal corporation, and is unsuccessful on appeal, the taxpayer	3172
is liable to the municipal corporation for the reasonable costs of	3173
litigation and attorneys' fees sustained by the municipal	3174

corporation.	3175
(B) If a taxpayer appeals an assessment or denial of a refund	3176
claim related to an income tax imposed by a municipal corporation,	3177
and is successful on appeal, the municipal corporation is liable	3178
to the taxpayer for reasonable costs of litigation and attorneys'	3179
fees sustained by the municipal corporation.	3180
(C) The costs and fees described in divisions (A) and (B) of	3181
this section may be recovered only after all appeals are	3182
completed, upon motion to the board of tax appeals. If an appeal	3183
results in the taxpayer being successful in part and the tax	3184
administrator being successful in part, the board may make a	3185
reasonable allocation of the costs and fees between the parties.	3186
Sec. 718.99. (A) Whoever violates section 718.35 of the	3187
Revised Code, or section 718.03 of the Revised Code by failing to	3188
remit municipal income taxes deducted and withheld from an	3189
employee, is guilty of a felony of the fifth degree.	3190
(B) Except as provided in division (C) of this section,	3191
whoever violates division (A) of section 718.13 of the Revised	3192
Code shall be quilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree and	3193
shall be subject to a fine of one thousand dollars or imprisonment	3194
for a term of up to six months, or both, unless the violation is	3195
punishable by a municipal ordinance imposing a greater penalty or	3196
requiring dismissal from office or discharge from employment, or	3197
both, in which case the municipal ordinance shall govern.	3198
(C) Any person who discloses information received from the	3199
Internal Revenue Service in violation of division (A) of section	3200
718.13 of the Revised Code shall be guilty of a felony of the	3201
fifth degree and shall be subject to a fine of not more than five	3202
thousand dollars plus the costs of prosecution, or imprisonment	3203
for a term not exceeding five years, or both, unless the violation	3204

is punishable by a municipal ordinance imposing a greater penalty	3205
or requiring dismissal from office or discharge from employment,	3206
or both, in which case the municipal ordinance shall govern.	3207
(D) Each instance of access or disclosure in violation of	3208
division (A) of section 718.13 of the Revised Code constitutes a	3209
separate offense.	3210
Sec. 5703.059. (A) The tax commissioner may adopt rules	3211
requiring returns, including any accompanying schedule or	3212
statement, for any of the following taxes to be filed	3213
electronically using the Ohio business gateway as defined in	3214
section $\frac{718.051}{12.05}$ of the Revised Code, filed telephonically	3215
using the system known as the Ohio telefile system, or filed by	3216
any other electronic means prescribed by the commissioner:	3217
(1) Employer income tax withholding under Chapter 5747. of	3218
the Revised Code;	3219
(2) Motor fuel tax under Chapter 5735. of the Revised Code;	3220
(3) Cigarette and tobacco product tax under Chapter 5743. of	3221
the Revised Code;	3222
(4) Severance tax under Chapter 5749. of the Revised Code;	3223
(5) Use tax under Chapter 5741. of the Revised Code.	3224
(B) The tax commissioner may adopt rules requiring any	3225
payment of tax shown on such a return to be due to be made	3226
electronically in a manner approved by the commissioner.	3227
(C) A rule adopted under this section does not apply to	3228
returns or reports filed or payments made before six months after	3229
the effective date of the rule. The commissioner shall publicize	3230
any new electronic filing requirement on the department's web	3231
site. The commissioner shall educate the public of the requirement	3232
through seminars, workshops, conferences, or other outreach	3233
activities.	3234

(D) Any person required to file returns and make payments	3235
electronically under rules adopted under this section may apply to	3236
the commissioner, on a form prescribed by the commissioner, to be	3237
excused from that requirement. For good cause shown, the	3238
commissioner may excuse the applicant from the requirement and	3239
permit the applicant to file the returns or reports or make the	3240
payments required under this section by nonelectronic means.	3241
Sec. 5703.57. (A) As used in this section, "Ohio business	3242
gateway" has the same meaning as in section 718.051 of the Revised	3243
Code.	3244
(B) There is hereby created the Ohio business gateway	3245
steering committee to direct the continuing development of the	3246
Ohio business gateway and to oversee its operations. The committee	3247
shall provide general oversight regarding operation of the Ohio	3248
business gateway and shall recommend to the department of	3249
administrative services enhancements that will improve the Ohio	3250
business gateway. The committee shall consider all banking,	3251
technological, administrative, and other issues associated with	3252
the Ohio business gateway and shall make recommendations regarding	3253
the type of reporting forms or other tax documents to be filed	3254
through the Ohio business gateway.	3255
(C) The committee shall consist of:	3256
(1) The following members, appointed by the governor with the	3257
advice and consent of the senate:	3258
(a) Not more than four representatives of the business	3259
community;	3260
(b) Not more than one representative three representatives of	3261
municipal tax administrators; and	3262
(c) Not more than two tax practitioners.	3263
(2) The following ex officio members:	3264

(a) The director or other highest officer of each state	3265
agency that has tax reporting forms or other tax documents filed	3266
with it through the Ohio business gateway or the director's	3267
designee;	3268
(b) The secretary of state or the secretary of state's	3269
designee;	3270
(c) The treasurer of state or the treasurer of state's	3271
designee;	3272
(d) The director of budget and management or the director's	3273
designee;	3274
(e) The state chief information officer or the officer's	3275
designee;	3276
(f) The tax commissioner or the tax commissioner's designee;	3277
and	3278
(g) The director of development or the director's designee $\underline{:}$	3279
<u>and</u>	3280
(h) The chair of the municipal tax policy board or the	3281
<u>chair's designee</u> .	3282
An appointed member shall serve until the member resigns or	3283
is removed by the governor. Vacancies shall be filled in the same	3284
manner as original appointments.	3285
(D) A vacancy on the committee does not impair the right of	3286
the other members to exercise all the functions of the committee.	3287
The presence of a majority of the members of the committee	3288
constitutes a quorum for the conduct of business of the committee.	3289
The concurrence of at least a majority of the members of the	3290
committee is necessary for any action to be taken by the	3291
committee. On request, each member of the committee shall be	3292
reimbursed for the actual and necessary expenses incurred in the	3293
discharge of the member's duties.	3294

(E) The committee is a part of the department of taxation for	3295
administrative purposes.	3296
(F) Each year, the governor shall select a member of the	3297
committee to serve as chairperson. The chairperson shall appoint	3298
an official or employee of the department of taxation to act as	3299
the committee's secretary. The secretary shall keep minutes of the	3300
committee's meetings and a journal of all meetings, proceedings,	3301
findings, and determinations of the committee.	3302
(G) The committee may hire professional, technical, and	3303
clerical staff needed to support its activities.	3304
(H) The committee shall meet as often as necessary to perform	3305
its duties.	3306
Sec. 5717.011. (A) As used in this chapter, "tax	3307
administrator" has the same meaning as in section 718.01 of the	3308
Revised Code.	3309
(B) Appeals from a municipal final determination of a local	3310
board of appeal tax review created under section 718.11 of the	3311
Revised Code may be taken by the taxpayer or the tax administrator	3312
to the board of tax appeals or , but may not be taken by the	3313
taxpayer or the tax administrator to a court of common pleas as	3314
otherwise provided by law. If the taxpayer or the tax	3315
administrator elects to make an appeal to the board of tax appeals	3316
or court of common pleas, the appeal shall be taken by the filing	3317
of a notice of appeal with the board of tax appeals or court of	3318
common pleas, the municipal <u>local</u> board of appeal <u>tax review</u> , and	3319
the opposing party. The notice of appeal shall be filed within	3320
sixty days after the day the appellant receives notice of the	3321
decision final determination issued under section 718.11 of the	3322
Revised Code. The notice of appeal may be filed in person or by	3323
certified mail, express mail, or authorized delivery service as	3324

provided in section 5703.056 of the Revised Code. If the notice of

appeal is filed by certified mail, express mail, or authorized	3326
delivery service as provided in section 5703.056 of the Revised	3327
Code, the date of the United States postmark placed on the	3328
sender's receipt by the postal service or the date of receipt	3329
recorded by the authorized delivery service shall be treated as	3330
the date of filing. The notice of appeal shall have attached	3331
thereto and incorporated therein by reference a true copy of the	3332
decision issued under section 718.11 of the Revised Code and shall	3333
specify the errors therein complained of, but failure to attach a	3334
copy of such notice and incorporate it by reference in the notice	3335
of appeal does not invalidate the appeal.	3336

- (C) Upon the filing of a notice of appeal with the board of tax appeals, the municipal local board of appeal tax review shall certify to the board of tax appeals a transcript of the record of the proceedings before it, together with all evidence considered by it in connection therewith. Such appeals may be heard by the board at its office in Columbus or in the county where the appellant resides, or it may cause its examiners to conduct such hearings and to report to it their findings for affirmation or rejection. The board may order the appeal to be heard upon the record and the evidence certified to it by the tax administrator, but upon the application of any interested party the board shall order the hearing of additional evidence, and the board may make such investigation concerning the appeal as it considers proper.
- (D) If an issue being appealed under this section is 3350 addressed in a municipal corporation's ordinance or regulation, 3351 the tax administrator, upon the request of the board of tax 3352 appeals, shall provide a copy of the ordinance or regulation to 3353 the board of tax appeals. 3354
- **Sec. 5717.03.** (A) A decision of the board of tax appeals on 3355 an appeal filed with it pursuant to section 5717.01, 5717.011, or 3356

5717.02 of the Revised Code shall be entered of record on the	3357
journal together with the date when the order is filed with the	3358
secretary for journalization.	3359

(B) In case of an appeal from a decision of a county board of 3360 revision, the board of tax appeals shall determine the taxable 3361 value of the property whose valuation or assessment by the county 3362 board of revision is complained of, or in the event the complaint 3363 and appeal is against a discriminatory valuation, shall determine 3364 a valuation which shall correct such discrimination, and shall 3365 determine the liability of the property for taxation, if that 3366 question is in issue, and the board of tax appeals' decision and 3367 the date when it was filed with the secretary for journalization 3368 shall be sent by the board to all persons who were parties to the 3369 appeal before the board, to the person in whose name the property 3370 is listed, or sought to be listed, if such person is not a party 3371 to the appeal, to the county auditor of the county in which the 3372 property involved in the appeal is located, and to the tax 3373 commissioner. 3374

In correcting a discriminatory valuation, the board of tax 3375 appeals shall increase or decrease the value of the property whose 3376 valuation or assessment by the county board of revision is 3377 complained of by a per cent or amount which will cause such 3378 property to be listed and valued for taxation by an equal and 3379 uniform rule.

(C) In the case of an appeal from a review, redetermination, 3381 or correction of a tax assessment, valuation, determination, 3382 finding, computation, or order of the tax commissioner, the order 3383 of the board of tax appeals and the date of the entry thereof upon 3384 its journal shall be sent by the board to all persons who were 3385 parties to the appeal before the board, the person in whose name 3386 the property is listed or sought to be listed, if the decision 3387 determines the valuation or liability of property for taxation and 3388

if such person is not a party to the appeal, the taxpayer or other	3389
person to whom notice of the tax assessment, valuation,	3390
determination, finding, computation, or order, or correction or	3391
redetermination thereof, by the tax commissioner was by law	3392
required to be given, the director of budget and management, if	3393
the revenues affected by such decision would accrue primarily to	3394
the state treasury, and the county auditors of the counties to the	3395
undivided general tax funds of which the revenues affected by such	3396
decision would primarily accrue.	3397

- (D) In the case of an appeal from a municipal final 3398 determination of a local board of appeal tax review created under 3399 section 718.11 of the Revised Code, the order of the board of tax 3400 appeals and the date of the entry thereof upon the board's journal 3401 shall be sent by the board to all persons who were parties to the 3402 appeal before the board.
- (E) In the case of all other appeals or applications filed 3404 with and determined by the board, the board's order and the date 3405 when the order was filed by the secretary for journalization shall 3406 be sent by the board to the person who is a party to such appeal 3407 or application, to such persons as the law requires, and to such 3408 other persons as the board deems proper. 3409
- (F) The orders of the board may affirm, reverse, vacate, 3410 modify, or remand the tax assessments, valuations, determinations, 3411 findings, computations, or orders complained of in the appeals 3412 determined by the board, and the board's decision shall become 3413 final and conclusive for the current year unless reversed, 3414 vacated, or modified as provided in section 5717.04 of the Revised 3415 Code. When an order of the board becomes final the tax 3416 commissioner and all officers to whom such decision has been sent 3417 shall make the changes in their tax lists or other records which 3418 the decision requires. 3419
 - (G) If the board finds that issues not raised on the appeal

are important to a determination of a controversy, the board may	3421
remand the cause for an administrative determination and the	3422
issuance of a new tax assessment, valuation, determination,	3423
finding, computation, or order, unless the parties stipulate to	3424
the determination of such other issues without remand. An order	3425
remanding the cause is a final order. If the order relates to any	3426
issue other than a municipal income tax matter appealed under	3427
sections 718.11 and 5717.011 of the Revised Code, the order may be	3428
appealed to the court of appeals in Franklin county. If the order	3429
relates to a municipal income tax matter appealed under sections	3430
718.11 and 5717.011 of the Revised Code, the order may be appealed	3431
to the court of appeals for the county in which the municipal	3432
corporation in which the dispute arose is primarily situated.	3433

(H) At the request of any person that filed an appeal subject 3434 to this section, the decision or order of the board of tax appeals 3435 issued pursuant to division (B), (C), (D), or (E) of this section 3436 shall be sent by certified mail at the requestor's expense. 3437

Sec. 5739.12. (A)(1) Each person who has or is required to 3438 have a vendor's license, on or before the twenty-third day of each 3439 month, shall make and file a return for the preceding month in the 3440 form prescribed by the tax commissioner, and shall pay the tax 3441 shown on the return to be due. The return shall be filed 3442 electronically using the Ohio business gateway, as defined in 3443 section 718.051 718.01 of the Revised Code, the Ohio telefile 3444 system, or any other electronic means prescribed by the 3445 commissioner. Payment of the tax shown on the return to be due 3446 shall be made electronically in a manner approved by the 3447 commissioner. The commissioner may require a vendor that operates 3448 from multiple locations or has multiple vendor's licenses to 3449 report all tax liabilities on one consolidated return. The return 3450 shall show the amount of tax due from the vendor to the state for 3451 the period covered by the return and such other information as the 3452

commissioner deems necessary for the proper administration of this	3453
chapter. The commissioner may extend the time for making and	3454
filing returns and paying the tax, and may require that the return	3455
for the last month of any annual or semiannual period, as	3456
determined by the commissioner, be a reconciliation return	3457
detailing the vendor's sales activity for the preceding annual or	3458
semiannual period. The reconciliation return shall be filed by the	3459
last day of the month following the last month of the annual or	3460
semiannual period. The commissioner may remit all or any part of	3461
amounts or penalties that may become due under this chapter and	3462
may adopt rules relating thereto. Such return shall be filed	3463
electronically as directed by the tax commissioner, and payment of	3464
the amount of tax shown to be due thereon, after deduction of any	3465
discount provided for under this section, shall be made	3466
electronically in a manner approved by the tax commissioner.	3467

- (2) Any person required to file returns and make payments 3468 electronically under division (A)(1) of this section may apply to 3469 the tax commissioner on a form prescribed by the commissioner to 3470 be excused from that requirement. For good cause shown, the 3471 commissioner may excuse the person from that requirement and may 3472 permit the person to file the returns and make the payments 3473 required by this section by nonelectronic means. 3474
- (B)(1) If the return is filed and the amount of tax shown

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 thereon to be due is paid on or before the date such return is

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 required to be filed, the vendor shall be entitled to a discount

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 of three-fourths of one per cent of the amount shown to be due on

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 the return.
- (2) A vendor that has selected a certified service provider 3480 as its agent shall not be entitled to the discount if the 3481 certified service provider receives a monetary allowance pursuant 3482 to section 5739.06 of the Revised Code for performing the vendor's 3483 sales and use tax functions in this state. Amounts paid to the 3484

clerk of courts pursuant to section 4505.06 of the Revised Code	3485
shall be subject to the applicable discount. The discount shall be	3486
in consideration for prompt payment to the clerk of courts and for	3487
other services performed by the vendor in the collection of the	3488
tax.	3489
(C)(1) Upon application to the tax commissioner, a vendor who	3490
is required to file monthly returns may be relieved of the	3491
requirement to report and pay the actual tax due, provided that	3492
the vendor agrees to remit to the commissioner payment of not less	3493
than an amount determined by the commissioner to be the average	3494
monthly tax liability of the vendor, based upon a review of the	3495
returns or other information pertaining to such vendor for a	3496
period of not less than six months nor more than two years	3497
immediately preceding the filing of the application. Vendors who	3498
agree to the above conditions shall make and file an annual or	3499
semiannual reconciliation return, as prescribed by the	3500
commissioner. The reconciliation return shall be filed	3501
electronically as directed by the tax commissioner, and payment of	3502
the amount of tax shown to be due thereon, after deduction of any	3503
discount provided in this section, shall be made electronically in	3504
a manner approved by the commissioner. Failure of a vendor to	3505
comply with any of the above conditions may result in immediate	3506
reinstatement of the requirement of reporting and paying the	3507
actual tax liability on each monthly return, and the commissioner	3508
may at the commissioner's discretion deny the vendor the right to	3509
report and pay based upon the average monthly liability for a	3510
period not to exceed two years. The amount ascertained by the	3511
commissioner to be the average monthly tax liability of a vendor	3512
may be adjusted, based upon a review of the returns or other	3513
information pertaining to the vendor for a period of not less than	3514
six months nor more than two years preceding such adjustment	3515

(2) The commissioner may authorize vendors whose tax

liability is not such as to merit monthly returns, as ascertained 3517 by the commissioner upon the basis of administrative costs to the 3518 state, to make and file returns at less frequent intervals. When 3519 returns are filed at less frequent intervals in accordance with 3520 such authorization, the vendor shall be allowed the discount 3521 provided in this section in consideration for prompt payment with 3522 the return, provided the return is filed and payment is made of 3523 the amount of tax shown to be due thereon, at the time specified 3524 by the commissioner, but a vendor that has selected a certified 3525 service provider as its agent shall not be entitled to the 3526 discount. 3527

- (D) Any vendor who fails to file a return or to pay the full 3528 amount of the tax shown on the return to be due in the manner 3529 prescribed under this section and the rules of the commissioner 3530 may, for each such return, be required to forfeit and pay into the 3531 state treasury an additional charge not exceeding fifty dollars or 3532 ten per cent of the tax required to be paid for the reporting 3533 period, whichever is greater, as revenue arising from the tax 3534 imposed by this chapter, and such sum may be collected by 3535 assessment in the manner provided in section 5739.13 of the 3536 Revised Code. The commissioner may remit all or a portion of the 3537 additional charge and may adopt rules relating to the imposition 3538 and remission of the additional charge. 3539
- (E) If the amount required to be collected by a vendor from 3540 consumers is in excess of the applicable percentage of the 3541 vendor's receipts from sales that are taxable under section 3542 5739.02 of the Revised Code, or in the case of sales subject to a 3543 tax levied pursuant to section 5739.021, 5739.023, or 5739.026 of 3544 the Revised Code, in excess of the percentage equal to the 3545 aggregate rate of such taxes and the tax levied by section 5739.02 3546 of the Revised Code, such excess shall be remitted along with the 3547 remittance of the amount of tax due under section 5739.10 of the 3548

Revised Code.	3549
(F) The commissioner, if the commissioner deems it necessary	3550
in order to insure the payment of the tax imposed by this chapter,	3551
may require returns and payments to be made for other than monthly	3552
periods.	3553
(G) Any vendor required to file a return and pay the tax	3554
under this section whose total payment for a year equals or	3555
exceeds the amount shown in division (A) of section 5739.122 of	3556
the Revised Code is subject to the accelerated tax payment	3557
requirements in divisions (B) and (C) of that section. For a	3558
vendor that operates from multiple locations or has multiple	3559
vendor's licenses, in determining whether the vendor's total	3560
payment equals or exceeds the amount shown in division (A) of that	3561
section, the vendor's total payment amount shall be the amount of	3562
the vendor's total tax liability for the previous calendar year	3563
for all of the vendor's locations or licenses.	3564
Sec. 5739.124. (A) If required by the tax commissioner, a	3565
permit holder required to make payments under section 5739.032 of	3566
the Revised Code shall file all returns and reports	3567
electronically. The commissioner may require the permit holder to	3568
use the Ohio business gateway, as defined in section 718.051	3569
718.01 of the Revised Code, or any other electronic means approved	3570
by the commissioner, to file the returns and reports, or to remit	3571
the tax, in lieu of the manner prescribed under section 5739.032	3572
of the Revised Code.	3573
(B) A person required under this section to file reports and	3574
returns electronically may apply to the tax commissioner to be	3575
excused from that requirement. Applications shall be made on a	3576
form prescribed by the commissioner. The commissioner may approve	3577
the application for good cause.	3578

(C)(1) If a person required to file a report or return

electronically under this section fails to do so, the tax	3580
commissioner may impose an additional charge not to exceed the	3581
following:	3582
(a) For each of the first two failures, five per cent of the	3583
amount required to be reported on the report or return;	3584
(b) For the third and any subsequent failure, ten per cent of	3585
the amount required to be reported on the report or return.	3586
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(2) The charges authorized under division (C)(1) of this	3587
section are in addition to any other charge or penalty authorized	3588
under this chapter, and shall be considered as revenue arising	3589
from taxes imposed under this chapter. An additional charge may be	3590
collected by assessment in the manner prescribed by section	3591
5739.13 of the Revised Code. The commissioner may waive all or a	3592
portion of such a charge and may adopt rules governing such	3593
waiver.	3594
Sec. 5741.122. (A) If required by the tax commissioner, a	3595
person required to make payments under section 5741.121 of the	3596
Revised Code shall file all returns and reports electronically.	3597
The commissioner may require the person to use the Ohio business	3598
gateway, as defined in section 718.051 718.01 of the Revised Code,	3599
or any other electronic means approved by the commissioner, to	3600
file the returns and reports, or to remit the tax, in lieu of the	3601
manner prescribed under section 5741.121 of the Revised Code.	3602
(B) A person required under this section to file reports and	3603
returns electronically may apply to the tax commissioner to be	3604
excused from that requirement. Applications shall be made on a	3605
form prescribed by the commissioner. The commissioner may approve	3606
the application for good cause.	3607
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(C)(1) If a person required to file a report or return	3608

electronically under this section fails to do so, the tax

commissioner may impose an additional charge not to exceed the	3610
following:	3611
(a) For each of the first two failures, five per cent of the	3612
amount required to be reported on the report or return;	3613
(b) For the third and any subsequent failure, ten per cent of	3614
the amount required to be reported on the report or return.	3615
(2) The charges authorized under division (C)(1) of this	3616
section are in addition to any other charge or penalty authorized	3617
under this chapter, and shall be considered as revenue arising	3618
from taxes imposed under this chapter. An additional charge may be	3619
collected by assessment in the manner prescribed by section	3620
5741.13 of the Revised Code. The commissioner may waive all or a	3621
portion of such a charge and may adopt rules governing such	3622
waiver.	3623
Sec. 5747.063. (A) As used in this section and section	3624
5747.064 of the Revised Code, "municipal corporation," "tax	3625
administrator, and "municipal tax policy board" have the same	3626
meanings as in section 718.01 of the Revised Code.	3627
(B)(1) If a person's winnings at a casino facility are an	3628
amount for which reporting to the internal revenue service of the	3629
amount is required by section 6041 of the Internal Revenue Code,	3630
as amended the casino operator shall deduct and withhold Ohio	3631
income tax from the person's winnings at a rate of four per cent	3632
of the amount won and shall deduct and withhold municipal income	3633
tax from the person's winnings at the rate of tax of the municipal	3634
corporation in which the casino facility is located. A person's	3635
amount of winnings shall be determined each time the person	3636
exchanges amounts won in tokens, chips, casino credit, or other	3637
prepaid representations of value for cash or a cash equivalent.	3638
The casino operator shall issue, to a person from whose winnings	3639
an amount has been deducted and withheld, a receipt for the amount	3640

deducted and withheld, and also shall obtain from the person	3641
additional information that will be necessary for the casino	3642
operator to prepare the returns required by this section.	3643
(2) If a person's winnings at a casino facility require	3644
reporting to the internal revenue service under division (A)(1) of	3645
this section, the casino operator also shall require the person to	3646
state in writing, under penalty of falsification, whether the	3647
person is in default under a support order.	3648
$\frac{(B)(C)}{(B)}$ Amounts deducted and withheld by a casino operator are	3649
held in trust for the benefit of the state and municipal	3650
corporations, as applicable.	3651
(1) On or before the tenth day of each month, the casino	3652
operator shall file a return electronically with the tax	3653
commissioner and the tax administrator of the municipal	3654
corporation, as applicable, identifying the persons from whose	3655
winnings amounts were deducted and withheld, the amount of each	3656
such deduction and withholding during the preceding calendar	3657
month, the amount of the winnings from which each such amount was	3658
withheld, the type of casino gaming that resulted in such	3659
winnings, and any other information required by the tax	3660
commissioner and the tax administrator, as applicable. With the	3661
return, the casino operator shall remit electronically to the	3662
commissioner and the tax administrator of the municipal	3663
corporation, as applicable, all the amounts deducted and withheld	3664
during the preceding month.	3665
(2)(a) A casino operator shall maintain a record of each	3666
written statement provided under division $\frac{(A)(B)}{(B)}(2)$ of this	3667
section in which a person admits to being in default under a	3668
support order. The casino operator shall make these records	3669
available to the director of job and family services upon request.	3670

(b) A casino operator shall maintain copies of receipts

issued under division $\frac{(A)(B)}{(1)}$ of this section and of written	3672
statements provided under division $\frac{A}{B}(2)$ of this section and	3673
shall make these copies available to the tax commissioner and the	3674
tax administrator, as applicable, upon request.	3675
(c) A casino operator shall maintain the information	3676
described in divisions $\frac{(B)(C)}{(2)(a)}$ and (b) of this section in	3677
accordance with section 5747.17 of the Revised Code and any rules	3678
adopted pursuant thereto.	3679
(3) Annually, on or before the thirty-first day of January, a	3680
casino operator shall file an annual return electronically with	3681
the tax commissioner and the tax administrator of the municipal	3682
corporation, as applicable, indicating the total amount deducted	3683
and withheld during the preceding calendar year. The casino	3684
operator shall remit electronically with the annual return any	3685
amount that was deducted and withheld and that was not previously	3686
remitted. If the identity of a person and the amount deducted and	3687
withheld with respect to that person were omitted on a monthly	3688
return, that information shall be indicated on the annual return.	3689
(4)(a) A casino operator who fails to file a return and remit	3690
the amounts deducted and withheld is personally liable for the	3691
amount deducted and withheld and not remitted. The	3692
(b) The commissioner and the tax administrator of the	3693
municipal corporation, as applicable, may impose a penalty up to	3694
one thousand dollars if a return is filed late, if amounts	3695
deducted and withheld <u>for the benefit of the state</u> are remitted	3696
late, if a return is not filed, or if amounts deducted and	3697
withheld are not remitted. Interest accrues on past due amounts	3698
deducted and withheld at the rate prescribed in section 5703.47 of	3699
the Revised Code. The commissioner and the tax administrator of	3700
the municipal corporation, as applicable, may collect past due	3701
amounts deducted and withheld and penalties and interest thereon	3702

by assessment under section 5747.13 of the Revised Code as if they

were income taxes collected by an employer.	3704
(b)(c) A tax administrator, as applicable, may impose a	3705
penalty pursuant to section 718.27 of the Revised Code if a return	3706
is filed late, if amounts deducted and withheld are remitted late,	3707
if a return is not filed, or if amounts deducted and withheld are	3708
not remitted. The tax administrator may collect past due amounts	3709
deducted and withheld and penalties and interest thereon by	3710
assessment under section 718.12 of the Revised Code as if they	3711
were municipal income taxes collected by an employer.	3712
(d) If a casino operator sells the casino facility or	3713
otherwise quits the casino business, the amounts deducted and	3714
withheld and any penalties and interest thereon are immediately	3715
due and payable. The successor shall withhold an amount of the	3716
purchase money that is sufficient to cover the amounts deducted	3717
and withheld and penalties and interest thereon until the	3718
predecessor casino operator produces either a receipt from the	3719
commissioner and the tax administrator of the municipal	3720
corporation, as applicable, showing that the amounts deducted and	3721
withheld and penalties and interest thereon have been paid or a	3722
certificate from the commissioner and the tax administrator of the	3723
municipal corporation, as applicable, indicating that no amounts	3724
deducted and withheld or penalties and interest thereon are due.	3725
If the successor fails to withhold purchase money, the successor	3726
is personally liable for payment of the amounts deducted and	3727
withheld and penalties and interest thereon, up to the amount of	3728
the purchase money.	3729
$\frac{(C)}{(D)}(1)$ Annually, on or before the thirty-first day of	3730
January, a casino operator shall issue an information return to	3731
each person with respect to whom an amount has been deducted and	3732
withheld during the preceding calendar year. The information	3733
return shall show the total amount deducted from the person's	3734
winnings by the casino operator during the preceding calendar	3735

year.	3736
(2) Annually, on or before the thirty-first day of January, a	3737
casino operator shall provide to the commissioner and tax	3738
administrator, as applicable, a copy of each information return	3739
issued under division $\frac{(C)}{(D)}(1)$ of this section for the preceding	3740
calendar year. The commissioner or administrator may require that	3741
the copies be transmitted electronically.	3742
$\frac{(D)(E)(1)}{(E)(1)}$ Amounts deducted and withheld on behalf of the	3743
state shall be allowed as a credit against payment of the tax	3744
imposed by section 5747.02 of the Revised Code and shall be	3745
treated as taxes paid for purposes of section 5747.09 of the	3746
Revised Code. This division applies only to the person for whom	3747
the amount is deducted and withheld.	3748
(2) Amounts deducted and withheld on behalf of a municipal	3749
corporation shall be allowed as a credit against payment of the	3750
income tax imposed by the municipal corporation and shall be	3751
treated as taxes paid for purposes of section 718.08 of the	3752
Revised Code.	3753
(3) Divisions (E)(1) and (2) of this section apply only to	3754
the person for whom an amount is deducted and withheld under this	3755
section.	3756
$\frac{(E)(F)}{(F)}$ The failure of a casino operator to deduct and	3757
withhold the required amount from a person's winnings does not	3758
relieve the person from liability for the tax imposed by section	3759
5747.02 of the Revised Code or for municipal income tax, as	3760
applicable, with respect to those winnings. And compliance	3761
Compliance with this section does not relieve a casino operator or	3762
a person who has winnings at a casino facility from compliance	3763
with relevant provisions of federal tax laws.	3764
$\frac{(F)(G)}{(G)}$ The commissioner and, for use by tax administrators,	3765
the tax administrator of the municipal corporation, as applicable,	3766

municipal tax policy board shall prescribe the form of the receipt	3767
and returns required by this section. The director of job and	3768
family services shall prescribe the form of the statement required	3769
by this section.	3770
$\frac{(G)}{(H)}$ The commissioner may adopt rules that are necessary to	3771
administer this section.	3772
Sec. 5747.064. (A) As used in this section, "video lottery	3773
terminal" has the same meaning as in section 3770.21 of the	3774
Revised Code.	3775
(B) If a person's prize award from a video lottery terminal	3776
is an amount for which reporting to the internal revenue service	3777
of the amount is required by section 6041 of the Internal Revenue	3778
Code, as amended, the lottery sales agent shall deduct and	3779
withhold Ohio income tax from the person's prize award at a rate	3780
of four per cent of the amount won and shall deduct and withhold	3781
municipal income tax from the person's winnings at the rate of tax	3782
of the municipal corporation in which the video lottery terminal	3783
facility is located. The lottery sales agent shall issue, to a	3784
person from whose prize award an amount has been deducted or	3785
withheld, a receipt for the amount deducted and withheld, and also	3786
shall obtain from the person additional information that will be	3787
necessary for the lottery sales agent to prepare the returns	3788
required by this section.	3789
(C) Amounts deducted and withheld by a lottery sales agent	3790
are held in trust for the benefit of the state and municipal	3791
corporations, as applicable.	3792
(1) On or before the tenth day of each month, the lottery	3793
sales agent shall file a return electronically with the tax	3794
commissioner and the tax administrator of the municipal	3795
corporation, as applicable, identifying the persons from whose	3796
prize awards amounts were deducted and withheld, the amount of	3797

each such deduction and withholding during the preceding month,	3798
the amount of the prize award from which each such amount was	3799
withheld, and any other information required by the commissioner	3800
and the tax administrator of the municipal corporation , as	3801
applicable. With the return, the lottery sales agent shall remit	3802
electronically to the commissioner and the tax administrator of	3803
the municipal corporation, as applicable, all the amounts deducted	3804
and withheld during the preceding month.	3805
(2) A lottery sales agent shall maintain a record of all	3806
receipts issued under division (B) of this section and shall make	3807
those records available to the commissioner and the tax	3808
administrator of the municipal corporation , as applicable, upon	3809
request. Such records shall be maintained in accordance with	3810

(3) Annually, on or before the thirty-first day of January, a 3813 lottery sales agent shall file an annual return electronically 3814 with the tax commissioner and the tax administrator of the 3815 municipal corporation, as applicable, indicating the total amount 3816 deducted and withheld during the preceding calendar year. The 3817 lottery sales agent shall remit electronically with the annual 3818 return any amount that was deducted and withheld and that was not 3819 previously remitted. If the identity of a person and the amount 3820 deducted and withheld with respect to that person were omitted on 3821 a monthly return, that information shall be indicated on the 3822 annual return. 3823

section 5747.17 of the Revised Code and any rules adopted pursuant

thereto.

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- (4)(a) A lottery sales agent who fails to file a return and
 remit the amounts deducted and withheld is personally liable for
 the amount deducted and withheld and not remitted. The
 3826
- (b) The commissioner and the tax administrator of the 3827 municipal corporation, as applicable, may impose a penalty of up 3828 to one thousand dollars if a return is filed late, if amounts 3829

deducted and withheld <u>for the benefit of the state</u> are remitted	3830
late, if a return is not filed, or if amounts deducted and	3831
withheld are not remitted. Interest accrues on past due amounts	3832
deducted and withheld at the rate prescribed in section 5703.47 of	3833
the Revised Code. The commissioner and the tax administrator of	3834
the municipal corporation, as applicable, may collect past due	3835
amounts deducted and withheld and penalties and interest thereon	3836
by assessment under section 5747.13 of the Revised Code as if they	3837
were income taxes collected by an employer.	3838

(b)(c) A tax administrator, as applicable, may impose a 3839 penalty pursuant to section 718.27 of the Revised Code if a return 3840 is filed late, if amounts deducted and withheld are remitted late, 3841 if a return is not filed, or if amounts deducted and withheld are 3842 not remitted. The tax administrator may collect past due amounts 3843 deducted and withheld and penalties and interest thereon by 3844 assessment under section 718.12 of the Revised Code as if they 3845 were municipal income taxes collected by an employer. 3846

(d) If a lottery sales agent ceases to operate video lottery 3847 terminals, the amounts deducted and withheld and any penalties and 3848 interest thereon are immediately due and payable. A successor of 3849 the lottery sales agent that purchases the video lottery terminals 3850 from the agent shall withhold an amount of the purchase money that 3851 is sufficient to cover the amounts deducted and withheld and 3852 penalties and interest thereon until the predecessor lottery sales 3853 agent produces either a receipt from the tax commissioner and the 3854 tax administrator of the municipal corporation, as applicable, 3855 showing that the amounts deducted and withheld and penalties and 3856 interest thereon have been paid or a certificate from the 3857 commissioner and the tax administrator of the municipal 3858 corporation, as applicable, indicating that no amounts deducted 3859 and withheld or penalties and interest thereon are due. If the 3860 successor fails to withhold purchase money, the successor is 3861

personally liable for payment of the amounts deducted and withheld	3862
and penalties and interest thereon, up to the amount of the	3863
purchase money.	3864
(D)(1) Annually, on or before the thirty-first day of	3865
January, a lottery sales agent shall issue an information return	3866
to each person with respect to whom an amount has been deducted	3867
and withheld during the preceding calendar year. The information	3868
return shall show the total amount deducted from the person's	3869
prize award by the lottery sales agent during the preceding year.	3870
(2) Annually, on or before the thirty-first day of January, a	3871
lottery sales agent shall provide to the tax commissioner and the	3872
tax administrator of the municipal corporation, as applicable, a	3873
copy of each information return issued under division (D)(1) of	3874
this section for the preceding calendar year. The commissioner and	3875
the tax administrator of the municipal corporation, as applicable,	3876
may require that such copies be transmitted electronically.	3877
(E) (E) (1) Amounts deducted and withheld on behalf of the state	3878
shall be allowed as a credit against payment of the tax imposed by	3879
section 5747.02 of the Revised Code and shall be treated as taxes	3880
paid for purposes of section 5747.09 of the Revised Code. This	3881
division applies only to the person for whom the amount is	3882
deducted and withheld.	3883
(2) Amounts deducted and withheld on behalf of a municipal	3884
corporation shall be allowed as a credit against payment of the	3885
income tax imposed by the municipal corporation and shall be	3886
treated as taxes paid for purposes of section 718.08 of the	3887
Revised Code.	3888
(3) Divisions (E)(1) and (2) of this section apply only to	3889
the person for whom an amount is deducted and withheld under this	3890
section.	3891

(F) The failure of a lottery sales agent to deduct and

withhold the required amount from a person's prize award does not	3893
relieve the person from liability for the tax imposed by section	3894
5747.02 of the Revised Code or for municipal income tax, as	3895
applicable, with respect to that income. Compliance with this	3896
section does not relieve a lottery sales agent or a person who has	3897
a prize award from compliance with relevant provisions of federal	3898
tax laws.	3899
(G) The commissioner and, for use by tax administrators, the	3900
tax administrator of the municipal corporation, as applicable,	3901
municipal tax policy board shall prescribe the form of the receipt	3902
and returns required by this section and the commissioner may	3903
promulgate any rules necessary to administer the section.	3904
Sec. 5751.07. (A) Any person required to file returns for a	3905
calendar quarter shall remit each tax payment, and, if required by	3906
the tax commissioner, file the tax return or the annual report,	3907
electronically. The commissioner may require taxpayers to use the	3908
Ohio business gateway as defined in section $\frac{718.051}{718.01}$ of the	3909
Revised Code to file returns and remit the tax, or may provide	3910
another means for taxpayers to file and remit the tax	3911
electronically.	3912
(B) A person required by this section to remit taxes or file	3913
returns electronically may apply to the tax commissioner, on the	3914
form prescribed by the commissioner, to be excused from that	3915
requirement. The commissioner may excuse a person from the	3916
requirements of this division for good cause.	3917
(C)(1) If a person required to remit taxes or file a return	3918
electronically under this section fails to do so, the commissioner	3919
may impose a penalty not to exceed the following:	3920
(a) For either of the first two calendar quarters the person	3921
so fails, five per cent of the amount of the payment that was	3921
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required to be remitted;

(b) For the third and any subsequent calendar quarters the	3924
person so fails, ten per cent of the amount of the payment that	3925
was required to be remitted.	3926
(2) The penalty imposed under division (C)(1) of this section	3927
is in addition to any other penalty imposed under this chapter and	3928
shall be considered as revenue arising from the tax imposed under	3929
this chapter. A penalty may be collected by assessment in the	3930
manner prescribed by section 5751.09 of the Revised Code. The tax	3931
commissioner may abate all or a portion of such a penalty.	3932
Section 2. That existing sections 715.013, 718.02, 718.03,	3933
718.051, 718.07, 718.09, 718.10, 718.11, 718.121, 718.13,	3934
5703.059, 5703.57, 5717.011, 5717.03, 5739.12, 5739.124, 5741.122,	3935
5747.063, 5747.064, and 5751.07 and sections 718.01, 718.011,	3936
718.04, 718.041, 718.05, 718.06, 718.08, 718.12, and 718.14 of the	3937
Revised Code are hereby repealed.	3938
Section 3. This act is effective for municipal taxable years	3939
ending on or after January 1, 2014. For municipal taxable years	3940
ending before January 1, 2014, tax administrators may continue to	3941
administer, audit, and enforce the income tax of a municipal	3942
corporation under Chapter 718. and ordinances and resolutions of	3943
the municipal corporation as that chapter and those ordinances and	3944
resolutions existed before January 1, 2014.	3945
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Section 4. If the Municipal Tax Policy Board does not, as	3946
charged under section 718.42 of the Revised Code, create and	
furnish the forms, reports, schedules, and attachments required to	3948
be filed under Chapter 718. of the Revised Code before January 1,	3949
2014, each tax administrator shall create required forms, reports,	3950
schedules, and attachments and furnish the documents for use with	3951
the tax administrator until the Municipal Tax Policy Board creates	3952
and furnishes the necessary documents.	3953

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Section 5. Notwithstanding Section 3 of this act, the	3954
governor shall make initial appointments to the Municipal Tax	3955
Policy Board not later than fifteen days after the effective date	3956
of this act.	3957