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ABILL

To amend sections 5725.98, 5726.98, 5729.98, 5747.9	98, l
and 5751.98 and to enact section 715.58 of the	2
Revised Code to authorize nonrefundable tax	3
credits for authorized donations to projects of	4
nonprofit entities and municipal agencies	5
providing community services.	6

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

Section 1. That sections 5725.98, 5726.98, 5729.98, 5747.98,	7
and 5751.98 be amended and section 715.58 of the Revised Code be	8
enacted to read as follows:	9
Sec. 715.58. (A) As used in this section:	10
(1) "Application year" means the calendar year beginning the	11
year following the calendar year in which a taxpayer applies for a	12
tax credit in the application period.	13
(2) "Application period" means the period between the	14
fifteenth day of September and the first day of October of each	15
fifteenth day of September and the first day of October of each year, as described in division (C)(3) of this section.	15 16
year, as described in division (C)(3) of this section.	16
year, as described in division (C)(3) of this section. (3) "Authorized donation" means a donation of more than two	16 17

(4) "Donation" means an unconditional gift of cash. 21 (5) "Pass-through entity" has the same meaning as in section 22 5733.04 of the Revised Code and includes a sole proprietorship. 23 (6) "Project" means a project or activity proposed by a 24 municipal corporation that involves providing, either directly or 25 through a neighborhood organization, neighborhood assistance, job 26 training or education, community services, crime prevention, 27 energy conservation, or construction or rehabilitation of dwelling 28 units for persons of low and moderate income in the state, or 29 donation of money to an open space acquisition fund of any 30 political subdivision of the state or any nonprofit land 31 conservation organization that meets the requirements of division 32 (B) of section 5301.69 of the Revised Code. 33 (7) "Taxpayer" means a person subject to a tax against which 34 a credit is allowed under this section. 35 (8) "Tax period" means: 36 (a) In the case of a domestic insurance company or a foreign 37 insurance company, the calendar year ending on the thirty-first 38 day of December next preceding the day the report or annual 39 statement is required to be returned under section 5725.18 or 40 5729.02 of the Revised Code; 41 (b) In the case of a financial institution subject to 42 taxation under Chapter 5726. of the Revised Code, the financial 43 institution's taxable year for the purposes of that chapter; 44 (c) In the case of a public utility, electric distribution 45 company, or natural gas distribution company, the calendar year; 46 (d) In the case of a pass-through entity the owners of which 47 are subject to taxation under Chapter 5747. of the Revised Code, 48 the pass-through entity's taxable year for the purposes of that 49 chapter; 50

(e) In the case of a person subject to taxation under Chapter 51 5751. of the Revised Code, the calendar year. 52 (9) "Community services" means any type of counseling and 53 advice, emergency assistance, alcoholism prevention and treatment, 54 or medical care furnished to individuals or groups in the state. 55 (10) "Crime prevention" means any activity that aids in the 56 reduction of crime in the state. 57 (11) "Education" means any type of scholastic instruction or 58 scholarship assistance to any person who resides in the state. 59 (12) "Job training" means any type of instruction to any 60 person who resides in the state that enables the person to acquire 61 vocational skills to become employable or seek a higher grade of 62 employment. 63 (13) "Neighborhood" means any specific geographic area that 64 is experiencing problems endangering the area's economic viability 65 and stability. 66 (14) "Neighborhood assistance" means the furnishing of 67 financial assistance, labor, material, or technical advice to aid 68 in the physical improvement or rehabilitation of all or any part 69 of a neighborhood. 70 (15) "Neighborhood organization" means any organization 71 performing community services in the state that satisfies any of 72 the following: 73 (a) It is exempt from income taxation under the Internal 74 Revenue Code. 75 (b) It is designated as a community development corporation 76 by the United States government under Title VII of the Economic 77 Opportunity Act of 1964. 78 (c) It is incorporated as a charitable corporation or trust 79 under Chapter 1716. of the Revised Code, a community improvement 80

corporation under Chapter 1724. of the Revised Code, a charitable	81
organization described under section 5301.69 of the Revised Code,	82
or a community redevelopment corporation under Chapter 1728. of	83
the Revised Code.	84
(16) "Persons of low and moderate income" means persons	85
satisfying the criteria for designation as persons of low- and	86
moderate-income established by the housing finance agency pursuant	87
to section 175.01 of the Revised Code.	88
(B) A nonrefundable credit is allowed against the tax imposed	89
<u>by section 5725.18, 5726.02, 5727.24, 5727.30, 5727.81, or</u>	90
5727.811, the tax assessed under Chapter 5729., or the tax imposed	91
by section 5747.02 or 5751.03 of the Revised Code for a taxpayer	92
that makes an authorized donation or that is an equity owner of a	93
pass-through entity that makes an authorized donation. If a	94
pass-through entity claims a credit under this section, it may	95
apply the credit to the tax imposed under section 5751.03 of the	96
Revised Code, or its equity owners may apply the credit to the tax	97
imposed on them under section 5747.02 of the Revised Code, but the	98
credit for any authorized donation may not be applied to both of	99
those taxes.	100
The credit equals sixty per cent of the amount of the	101
authorized donation a taxpayer or pass-through entity makes in an	102
application year. The amount of the credit granted to a taxpayer	103
may not exceed seventy-five thousand dollars for an application	104
year; if the authorized donation is made by a pass-through entity	105
and the credit is to be applied against the tax imposed under	106
section 5747.02 of the Revised Code, the credit may not exceed the	107
taxpayer's distributive or proportionate share of seventy-five	108
thousand dollars.	109
The credit shall be claimed for the tax period in which the	110
authorized donation is made and shall be claimed in the order	111
required under section 5725.98, 5726.98, 5729.98, 5747.98, or	112

5751.98 of the Revised Code, except that an individual claiming a 113 distributive share of a credit as an owner of a pass-through 114 entity shall claim the credit for the taxpayer's taxable year that 115 includes the last day of the entity's taxable year in which the 116 donation was made. The amount of the credit may not exceed the tax 117 otherwise due after allowing for all other credits in that order. 118 Excess credit not used in the tax period during which the 119 authorized donation was made may be carried back and applied to 120 not more than two of the immediately preceding tax periods. If the 121 taxpayer is required to pay the tax imposed by section 5727.24 or 122 5727.30 of the Revised Code more frequently than once per calendar 123 year, or claims the credit against the tax imposed by section 124 5727.81 or 5727.811 of the Revised Code, the amount of the credit 125 allowed for a calendar year shall be claimed in substantially 126 equal amounts against each tax payment required during the year 127 and after the donation is made. 128 (C)(1) To qualify one or more projects as eligible to receive 129 a donation eligible for the tax credit provided by this section, 130 the legislative authority of a municipal corporation, on or before 131 the first day of July of each year, may deliver to the tax 132 commissioner a list of projects for which it seeks eligibility to 133 receive donations eligible for the credit provided by this 134 section. The list prepared by the legislative authority shall, for 135 each project, set forth all of the following: 136 (a) The objective or mission of the project; 137 (b) The neighborhood area to be served; 138 (c) Reasons why the project is needed; 139 (d) The estimated cost of the project; 140 (e) The suggested plan for implementing the project, 141

including the projected length of time the project will be 142 undertaken; 143

(f) The name and address of the agency designated by the	144
municipal corporation to oversee implementation of the project;	145
and	146
(g) Other information as the commissioner may prescribe.	147
The projected length of time a project will be undertaken	148
shall not exceed two consecutive years.	149
Before submitting the list to the tax commissioner, the	150
legislative authority shall hold at least one public hearing for	151
the purpose of discussing the programs to be included on the list	152
and receiving public testimony.	153
(2) Annually, on or before the first day of September, the	154
tax commissioner shall compile and post on the department of	155
taxation's web site a list of all projects submitted by municipal	156
corporations that are eligible to receive applications for	157
donations eligible to receive a credit under this section. The	158
list shall be organized by each municipal corporation that applied	159
and shall indicate the estimated cost of each project as shown on	160
the municipal corporation's list. Each year, the commissioner also	161
shall publish a copy of the list in paper form. The commissioner	162
shall update the list as necessary.	163
(3) To be eligible for a tax credit under this section, a	164
taxpayer must donate to one or more projects appearing on the list	165
prepared by the tax commissioner and apply to the commissioner on	166
a form prescribed by the commissioner. Applications shall be	167
submitted to the commissioner during the application period. The	168
commissioner shall forward a copy of the application to the agency	169
designated by the municipal corporation to oversee implementation	170
<u>of the project.</u>	171
The agency to which the commissioner has forwarded an	172
application shall approve or deny the application within thirty	173
days after receiving the application from the commissioner.	174

Failure of an agency to approve an application within that	175
thirty-day period constitutes denial of the application. After the	176
approval of the agency or the passing of the thirty-day period, an	177
application shall be approved or denied by the commissioner based	178
on the compliance of the proposed donation with the provisions of	179
this section.	180
The commissioner may approve an application only if it is	181
received by the commissioner during the application period and	182
only if it has been approved by the agency. After the commissioner	183
approves or denies an application, the commissioner shall issue	184
written notice of the commissioner's decision to the applicant by	185
ordinary mail within twenty days after reaching a decision. If the	186
commissioner approves an application, the commissioner shall	187
forward a copy of the commissioner's decision to the taxpayer	188
eligible to claim the credit. The commissioner shall consider and	189
approve applications in the order received.	190
The commissioner shall not approve an application for an	191
authorized donation to any project for any application period in	192
an amount that would cause the total authorized donations for that	193
project for the application period to exceed one hundred fifty	194
thousand dollars. If an application proposes a donation in an	195
amount that would cause the total authorized donations to the	196
project to exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars, the	197
commissioner shall notify the applicant, and the applicant, in a	198
manner prescribed by the commissioner, may propose a donation to	199
the project in a lesser amount or propose a donation to another	200
project.	201
(4) If a project is to be undertaken over more than one year,	202
the applicant for authorized donations shall indicate in the	203
application the amount of the donation to be made in each	204
application year, and the amounts so indicated shall be applied to	205

the annual credit limit under division (E) of this section for the 206

corresponding application year.

(5) The tax commissioner may charge a reasonable fee for the	208
filing of an application under division (C)(3) of this section to	209
defray the costs of processing the application and administering	210
this section.	211

(6) The commissioner may remove a project from the list212created by the commissioner under this section if the project213fails to satisfy the requirements of a project as defined in214division (A)(6) of this section.215

(D) No tax credit shall be granted to any person under this216section unless the person furnishes evidence to the commissioner217that the amount of funds the person expended for charitable218purposes and for the support of organizations eligible for219assistance under this section in the year for which the credit is220claimed equals or exceeds the amount the person expended for such221purposes in the immediately preceding year.222

(E) The total amount of credits that may be claimed under223this section in any year shall not exceed five million dollars.224If, for any year, all of the applications submitted to the tax225commissioner pursuant to this section claim tax credits in excess226of that amount, the commissioner, on or before the fifteenth day227of November each year, shall prorate the amounts of tax credits in228proportion to each taxpayer's authorized donation amount.229

(F) A single neighborhood organization may propose multiple230projects, but may not receive more than one hundred fifty thousand231dollars in authorized donations during an application year.232

(G) If the total funds donated in any year by any taxpayer in233a project in which a neighborhood organization is involved exceeds234twenty-five thousand dollars, the organization, upon completion of235the project, shall engage an independent public accountant to236audit the finances of the project and file the audit report with237

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the municipal corporation or agency overseeing the project. The	238
accountant's report shall verify whether the organization's	239
expenditures were made in accordance with the project as proposed	240
and approved by the commissioner. The municipal corporation or	241
agency shall forward each audit to the commissioner.	242
The tax commissioner shall review each audit report for	243
evidence of fraud or embezzlement. If the commissioner discovers	244
evidence of fraud or embezzlement, the commissioner shall report	245
the commissioner's findings to the county prosecutor of the county	246
in which the project is located. If the commissioner finds	247
evidence of unsound or irregular financial practice in relation to	248
generally accepted accounting standards, the commissioner may make	249
any projects in which the audited organization is involved	250
ineligible to receive authorized donations.	251
(H) The commissioner may adopt rules to implement this	252
section.	253
Sec. 5725.98. (A) To provide a uniform procedure for	254
calculating the amount of tax imposed by section 5725.18 of the	255
Revised Code that is due under this chapter, a taxpayer shall	256
claim any credits and offsets against tax liability to which it is	257
entitled in the following order:	258
(1) The credit for an insurance company or insurance company	259
group under section 5729.031 of the Revised Code;	260
(2) The credit for eligible employee training costs under	261
section 5725.31 of the Revised Code;	262
(3) The nonrefundable credit for authorized donations under	263
section 715.58 of the Revised Code;	264
(4) The credit for purchasers of qualified low-income	265
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COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS UNDER SECTION 5775 SS OF THE REVISED FORE:	266
community investments under section 5725.33 of the Revised Code; $(4)(5)$ The nonrefundable job retention credit under division	266 267

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(B)(1) of section 122.171 of the Revised Code;

(5)(6) The offset of assessments by the Ohio life and health 269
insurance guaranty association permitted by section 3956.20 of the 270
Revised Code; 271

(6)(7) The refundable credit for rehabilitating a historic 272 building under section 5725.34 of the Revised Code. 273

(7)(8)The refundable credit for Ohio job retention under274division (B)(2) or (3) of section 122.171 of the Revised Code;275

(8)(9) The refundable credit for Ohio job creation under 276 section 5725.32 of the Revised Code; 277

(9)(10)The refundable credit under section 5725.19 of the278Revised Code for losses on loans made under the Ohio venture279capital program under sections 150.01 to 150.10 of the Revised280Code.281

(B) For any credit except the refundable credits enumerated 282 in this section, the amount of the credit for a taxable year shall 283 not exceed the tax due after allowing for any other credit that 284 precedes it in the order required under this section. Any excess 285 amount of a particular credit may be carried forward if authorized 286 under the section creating that credit. Nothing in this chapter 287 shall be construed to allow a taxpayer to claim, directly or 288 indirectly, a credit more than once for a taxable year. 289

Sec. 5726.98. (A) To provide a uniform procedure for 290 calculating the amount of tax due under section 5726.02 of the 291 Revised Code, a taxpayer shall claim any credits to which the 292 taxpayer is entitled under this chapter in the following order: 293

(1) The bank organization assessment credit under section 2945726.51 of the Revised Code; 295

(2) The nonrefundable job retention credit under division (B)296of section 5726.50 of the Revised Code;297

(3) The nonrefundable credit for authorized donations under	298
section 715.58 of the Revised Code;	299
(4) The nonrefundable credit for purchases of qualified	300
low-income community investments under section 5726.54 of the	301
Revised Code;	302
$\frac{(4)(5)}{(5)}$ The nonrefundable credit for qualified research	303
expenses under section 5726.56 of the Revised Code;	304
(5)(6) The nonrefundable credit for qualifying dealer in	305
intangibles taxes under section 5726.57 of the Revised Code $-i$	306
(6)(7) The refundable credit for rehabilitating an historic	307
building under section 5726.52 of the Revised Code;	308
(7)(8) The refundable job retention or job creation credit	309
under division (A) of section 5726.50 of the Revised Code;	310
(8)(9) The refundable credit under section 5726.53 of the	311
Revised Code for losses on loans made under the Ohio venture	312
capital program under sections 150.01 to 150.10 of the Revised	313
Code;	314
(9)(10) The refundable motion picture production credit under	315
section 5726.55 of the Revised Code.	316
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(B) For any credit except the refundable credits enumerated	317
in this section, the amount of the credit for a taxable year shall	318
not exceed the tax due after allowing for any other credit that	319
precedes it in the order required under this section. Any excess	320
amount of a particular credit may be carried forward if authorized	321
under the section creating that credit. Nothing in this chapter	322
shall be construed to allow a taxpayer to claim, directly or	323
indirectly, a credit more than once for a taxable year.	324

sec. 5729.98. (A) To provide a uniform procedure for 325
calculating the amount of tax due under this chapter, a taxpayer 326
shall claim any credits and offsets against tax liability to which 327

it is entitled in the following order:	328
(1) The credit for an insurance company or insurance company	329
group under section 5729.031 of the Revised Code;	330
(2) The credit for eligible employee training costs under	331
section 5729.07 of the Revised Code;	332
(3) The nonrefundable credit for authorized donations under	333
section 715.58 of the Revised Code;	334
(4) The credit for purchases of qualified low-income	335
community investments under section 5729.16 of the Revised Code;	336
(4)(5) The nonrefundable job retention credit under division	337
(B)(1) of section 122.171 of the Revised Code;	338
(5)(6) The offset of assessments by the Ohio life and health	339
insurance guaranty association against tax liability permitted by	340
section 3956.20 of the Revised Code;	341
(6)(7) The refundable credit for rehabilitating a historic	342
building under section 5729.17 of the Revised Code.	343
(7)(8) The refundable credit for Ohio job retention under	344
division (B)(2) or (3) of section 122.171 of the Revised Code;	345
(8)(9) The refundable credit for Ohio job creation under	346
section 5729.032 of the Revised Code;	347
(9)(10) The refundable credit under section 5729.08 of the	348
Revised Code for losses on loans made under the Ohio venture	349
capital program under sections 150.01 to 150.10 of the Revised	350
Code.	351
(B) For any credit except the refundable credits enumerated	352
in this section, the amount of the credit for a taxable year shall	353
not exceed the tax due after allowing for any other credit that	354
precedes it in the order required under this section. Any excess	355
amount of a particular credit may be carried forward if authorized	356
under the section creating that credit. Nothing in this chapter	357

shall be construed to allow a taxpayer to claim, directly or 358 indirectly, a credit more than once for a taxable year. 359 Sec. 5747.98. (A) To provide a uniform procedure for 360 calculating the amount of tax due under section 5747.02 of the 361 Revised Code, a taxpayer shall claim any credits to which the 362 taxpayer is entitled in the following order: 363 (1) The retirement income credit under division (B) of 364 section 5747.055 of the Revised Code; 365 (2) The senior citizen credit under division (C) of section 366 5747.05 of the Revised Code; 367 (3) The lump sum distribution credit under division (D) of 368 section 5747.05 of the Revised Code; 369 (4) The dependent care credit under section 5747.054 of the 370 Revised Code; 371 (5) The lump sum retirement income credit under division (C) 372 of section 5747.055 of the Revised Code; 373 (6) The lump sum retirement income credit under division (D) 374 of section 5747.055 of the Revised Code; 375 (7) The lump sum retirement income credit under division (E) 376 of section 5747.055 of the Revised Code; 377 (8) The low-income credit under section 5747.056 of the 378 Revised Code; 379 (9) The credit for displaced workers who pay for job training 380 under section 5747.27 of the Revised Code; 381 (10) The campaign contribution credit under section 5747.29 382 of the Revised Code; 383 (11) The twenty-dollar personal exemption credit under 384 section 5747.022 of the Revised Code; 385

(12) The joint filing credit under division (G) of section	386
5747.05 of the Revised Code;	387
(13) The nonresident credit under division (A) of section	388
5747.05 of the Revised Code;	389
(14) The credit for a resident's out-of-state income under	390
division (B) of section 5747.05 of the Revised Code;	391
(15) The credit for employers that enter into agreements with	392
child day-care centers under section 5747.34 of the Revised Code;	393
(16) The credit for employers that reimburse employee child	394
care expenses under section 5747.36 of the Revised Code;	395
(17) The credit for adoption of a minor child under section	396
5747.37 of the Revised Code;	397
(18) The credit for purchases of lights and reflectors under	398
section 5747.38 of the Revised Code;	399
(19) The nonrefundable job retention credit under division	400
(B) of section 5747.058 of the Revised Code;	401
(20) The credit for selling alternative fuel under section	402
5747.77 of the Revised Code;	403
(21) The second credit for purchases of new manufacturing	404
machinery and equipment and the credit for using Ohio coal under	405
section 5747.31 of the Revised Code;	406
(22) The job training credit under section 5747.39 of the	407
Revised Code;	408
(23) The enterprise zone credit under section 5709.66 of the	409
Revised Code;	410
(24) The credit for the eligible costs associated with a	411
voluntary action under section 5747.32 of the Revised Code;	412
(25) The nonrefundable credit for authorized donations under	413
section 715.58 of the Revised Code;	414

(26) The credit for employers that establish on-site child	415
day-care centers under section 5747.35 of the Revised Code;	416
(26)(27) The ethanol plant investment credit under section	417
5747.75 of the Revised Code;	418
(27)(28) The credit for purchases of qualifying grape	419
production property under section 5747.28 of the Revised Code;	420
(28)(29) The small business investment credit under section	421
5747.81 of the Revised Code;	422
(29)(30) The credit for research and development and	423
technology transfer investors under section 5747.33 of the Revised	424
Code;	425
(30)(31) The enterprise zone credits under section 5709.65 of	426
the Revised Code;	427
(31)(32) The research and development credit under section	428
5747.331 of the Revised Code;	429
(32)(33) The credit for rehabilitating a historic building	430
under section 5747.76 of the Revised Code;	431
(33)(34) The refundable credit for rehabilitating a historic	432
building under section 5747.76 of the Revised Code;	433
(34)(35) The refundable jobs creation credit or job retention	434
credit under division (A) of section 5747.058 of the Revised Code;	435
(35)(36) The refundable credit for taxes paid by a qualifying	436
entity granted under section 5747.059 of the Revised Code;	437
(36)(37) The refundable credits for taxes paid by a	438
qualifying pass-through entity granted under division (J) of	439
section 5747.08 of the Revised Code;	440
(37)(38) The refundable credit under section 5747.80 of the	441
Revised Code for losses on loans made to the Ohio venture capital program under sections 150.01 to 150.10 of the Revised Code;	442 443
program under sections 150.01 to 150.10 of the Revised Code,	443

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(38)(39) The refundable motion picture production credit 444under section 5747.66 of the Revised Code. 445 (B) For any credit, except the refundable credits enumerated 446 in this section and the credit granted under division (I) of 447 section 5747.08 of the Revised Code, the amount of the credit for 448 a taxable year shall not exceed the tax due after allowing for any 449 other credit that precedes it in the order required under this 450 section. Any excess amount of a particular credit may be carried 451 forward if authorized under the section creating that credit. 452 Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to allow a taxpayer to 453 claim, directly or indirectly, a credit more than once for a 454 taxable year. 455 Sec. 5751.98. (A) To provide a uniform procedure for 456 calculating the amount of tax due under this chapter, a taxpayer 457 shall claim any credits to which it is entitled in the following 458 order: 459 (1) The nonrefundable jobs retention credit under division 460 (B) of section 5751.50 of the Revised Code; 461 (2) The nonrefundable credit for qualified research expenses 462 under division (B) of section 5751.51 of the Revised Code; 463 (3) The nonrefundable credit for authorized donations under 464 section 715.58 of the Revised Code; 465 (4) The nonrefundable credit for a borrower's qualified 466 research and development loan payments under division (B) of 467 section 5751.52 of the Revised Code; 468 (4)(5) The nonrefundable credit for calendar years 2010 to 469

2029 for unused net operating losses under division (B) of section 470 5751.53 of the Revised Code; 471

(5)(6)The refundable motion picture production credit under472section 5751.54 of the Revised Code;473

(6)(7) The refundable jobs creation credit or job retention 474 credit under division (A) of section 5751.50 of the Revised Code; 475

(7)(8)The refundable credit for calendar year 2030 for476unused net operating losses under division (C) of section 5751.53477of the Revised Code.478

(B) For any credit except the refundable credits enumerated
in this section, the amount of the credit for a tax period shall
not exceed the tax due after allowing for any other credit that
precedes it in the order required under this section. Any excess
amount of a particular credit may be carried forward if authorized
under the section creating the credit.

 Section 2. That existing sections 5725.98, 5726.98, 5729.98,
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 5747.98, and 5751.98 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.
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Section 3. If this act becomes effective before July 1 of the 487 current calendar year, projects may be submitted by municipal 488 corporations to the Tax Commissioner under section 715.58 of the 489 Revised Code on or before the first day of July of the current 490 calendar year. If this act becomes effective on or after July 1 of 491 the current calendar year, projects may be submitted by municipal 492 corporations to the Tax Commissioner on or before the first day of 493 July of the following calendar year. 494