



**S.B. 276\***

127th General Assembly

(As Reported by S. State & Local Gov't & Veterans Affairs)

**Sens. Stivers, R. Miller, Mason, Goodman, Spada, Wagoner, Kearney, Seitz**

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**BILL SUMMARY**

- Authorizes counties, townships, and municipal corporations to issue public obligations to provide, or assist in providing, grants, loans, loan guarantees, or contributions for conservation and revitalization purposes.

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**CONTENT AND OPERATION**

The bill authorizes a county, municipal corporation, or township to issue or incur public obligations, including general obligations, to provide, or assist in providing, grants, loans, loan guarantees, or contributions for conservation<sup>1</sup> and revitalization purposes<sup>2</sup> pursuant to Section 20 of Article VIII of the Ohio Constitution. (R.C. 133.52.)

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\* This analysis was prepared before the report of the Senate State and Local Government and Veterans Affairs Committee appeared in the Senate Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and the legislative history may be incomplete.

<sup>1</sup> Conservation purposes means conservation and preservation of natural areas, open spaces, and farmlands and other lands devoted to agriculture, including by acquisition of land or interests in land; provision of state and local park and recreation facilities, and other actions that permit and enhance the availability, public use, and enjoyment of natural areas and open spaces in Ohio; and land, forest, water, and other natural resource management projects.

<sup>2</sup> Revitalization purposes means providing for and enabling the environmentally safe and productive development and use or reuse of publicly and privately owned lands, including those within urban areas, by the remediation or clean up, or planning and assessment for remediation or clean up, of contamination, or addressing, by clearance, land acquisition or assembly, infrastructure, or otherwise, that or other property conditions or circumstances that may be deleterious to the public health and safety and the environment and water and other natural resources, or that preclude or inhibit environmentally sound or economic use or reuse of the property.

Section 2o of Article VIII specifies that environmental and related conservation, preservation, and revitalization purposes are proper public purposes of the state and local governmental entities. The state may undertake its own projects and may participate or assist in financing projects undertaken by local government entities or others, including nonprofit organizations. Obligations of local government entities issued for the designated public purposes, and provisions for payment of debt service on them, and the purposes and uses to which the proceeds of those obligations, or moneys from other sources, may be applied, are not subject to the Lending Aid and Credit provisions of the Ohio Constitution.

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## **HISTORY**

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	01-22-08
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