



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Authorizes a board of county commissioners and a board of trustees of a regional water and sewer district to offer discounts or reductions on water and sewer rates, rentals, or charges to certain persons 65 years of age or older.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Water and sewer rates discounts--65 years of age or older

(R.C. 6103.01, 6103.02, 6117.01, 6117.02, 6119.011, and 6119.091)

Under current law, a board of county commissioners may create a sewer district and provide water and sewer services in the district. Similarly, the board of trustees of a regional water and sewer district may provide water and sewer services in the district (R.C. Chapter 6119.). The board of county commissioners is required to fix reasonable water and sewer rates and other charges. And the board of trustees of a regional water and sewer district is authorized to charge rentals and other charges for water and sewer services (R.C. 6119.09--not in the bill).

The bill authorizes the board of county commissioners and the board of trustees to establish discounted rates, rentals, or charges, or to establish another mechanism for providing a reduction in rates, rentals, or charges, for persons who are 65 years of age or older. The board is required to establish eligibility requirements for such a discounted or reduced rate, rental, or charge in addition to its recipients being 65 years of age or older. One of those requirements must be that a recipient qualify as a "low- and moderate-income person" under guidelines adopted by the Housing Finance Agency, or that a recipient be eligible for the homestead exemption, which provides real

property tax reductions to elderly persons who own real property and fall within certain lower income brackets.

HISTORY

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