



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Requires any legislation that proposes to enact a statute that gives a distinctive name to a bridge or portion of a highway to be supported by a resolution from the governing legislative body of each county, township, or municipal corporation in which the bridge is located or through which the portion of the highway being named extends, endorsing the proposed name.
- Permits the Director of Transportation to erect markers along a bridge or state highway that is named by a statute enacted after the bill's effective date only if the Department of Transportation receives contributions sufficient to pay all costs of manufacturing, erecting, and maintaining the markers.
- Permits a county, township, or municipal corporation that adopts a resolution that supports a statutory name for a bridge or highway to erect, at its own expense, markers indicating the name of the bridge or highway within its own jurisdiction.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Future memorial highways and bridges

The bill provides that any legislation that proposes to enact a statute giving a distinctive name to a bridge or portion of a highway must be supported by a resolution from the governing legislative body of each county, township, or municipal corporation in which the bridge is located or through which the portion of the highway being named extends, endorsing the proposed name.

Except as may otherwise be specifically provided by law, after the bill's effective date the Director of Transportation will not be required to implement any legislation that names a bridge or a portion of a state highway unless the proposed name is

supported by a resolution from the governing legislative body of each county, township, or municipal corporation in which the bridge is located or through which the portion of the state highway being named extends.¹

The bill permits the Director to erect markers along a bridge or state highway indicating a name enacted by statute that becomes effective after the bill's effective date only if the Department of Transportation receives contributions sufficient to pay all costs of manufacturing, erecting, and maintaining the markers. ODOT may not accept such contributions unless it first determines that placement of the markers at the designated location is permissible under applicable laws and in accordance with the directives for the signing of named memorial highways contained in the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Any money ODOT receives for these purposes must be deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the State Highway Operating Fund. ODOT may continue to repair, replace, and maintain any markers in place on the bill's effective date without receiving contributions to pay such costs.

A county, township, or municipal corporation that adopts a resolution that supports a statutory name for a bridge or highway may erect, at its own expense, markers indicating the name of the bridge or highway within its own jurisdiction. The erection of any such marker, however, must be permissible under applicable laws and in accordance with the directives for the signing of named memorial highways contained in the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.²

HISTORY

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¹ R.C. 5533.00(A)(1) and (2).

² R.C. 5533.00(B)(1) and (2).

