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## A BILL

То	amend sections 118.27, 118.31, 317.18, 703.20,	1
	703.201, 703.23, 1724.07, and 5705.14; to amend,	2
	for the purpose of adopting new section numbers	3
	as indicated in parentheses, sections 703.20	4
	(703.33) and 703.201 (703.34); to enact sections	5
	317.115, 703.31, 703.32, 703.35, 703.36,	6
	703.361, 703.362, 703.37, 703.371, 703.372,	7
	703.373, 703.374, 703.375, 703.376, 703.377,	8
	703.378, 703.379, 703.38, and 703.39; and to	9
	repeal section 703.21 of the Revised Code to	10
	modify the law regarding village dissolution.	11

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

Section 1. That sections 118.27, 118.31, 317.18, 703.20,	12
703.201, 703.23, 1724.07, and 5705.14 be amended; sections	13
703.20 (703.33) and 703.201 (703.34) be amended for the purpose	14
of adopting new section numbers as indicated in parentheses; and	15
sections 317.115, 703.31, 703.32, 703.35, 703.36, 703.361,	16
703.362, 703.37, 703.371, 703.372, 703.373, 703.374, 703.375,	17
703.376, 703.377, 703.378, 703.379, 703.38, and 703.39 of the	18
Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:	19

Sec. 118.27. (A) A financial planning and supervision	20
commission with respect to a municipal corporation, county, or	21
township, and its functions under this chapter, shall continue	22
in existence until such time as a determination is made pursuant	23
to division (B) of this section of one of the following:	24
(1) In the case of a village, the village has dissolved	25
the date a dissolution is effective as defined under section	26
<del>118.31, 703.20, or 703.201</del> <u>703.31</u> of the Revised Code.	27
(2) In the case of a township, the township has dissolved	28
under section 118.31 of the Revised Code.	29
(3) In the case of a municipal corporation, county, or	30
township, the municipal corporation, county, or township has	31
done all of the following:	32
(a) Planned, and is in the process of good faith	33
implementation of, an effective financial accounting and	34
reporting system in accordance with section 118.10 of the	35
Revised Code, and it is reasonably expected that such	36
implementation will be completed within two years;	37
(b) Corrected and eliminated or has planned and is in the	38
process of good faith implementation of correcting and	39
eliminating all of the fiscal emergency conditions determined	40
pursuant to section 118.04 of the Revised Code, and no new	41
fiscal emergency conditions have occurred. The auditor of state	42
shall monitor the progress of the municipal corporation, county,	43
or township in its plan of good faith implementation of	44
correcting and eliminating all the fiscal emergency conditions.	45
This monitoring is to secure full implementation at the earliest	46
time feasible but within two years from such termination. If	47

after a two-year period, the municipal corporation, county, or

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township has failed to secure full implementation, the auditor	49
of state may redeclare the municipal corporation, county, or	50
township to be in a fiscal emergency.	51

- (c) Met the objectives of the financial plan described in 52 section 118.06 of the Revised Code; 53
- (d) The municipal corporation, county, or township 54 prepares a financial forecast for a five-year period in 55 accordance with the standards issued by the auditor of state. An 56 opinion must be rendered by the auditor of state that the 57 financial forecast is considered to be nonadverse. 58
- (B) The determination that the conditions for the 59 termination of the existence of the commission and its functions 60 exist may be made either by the auditor of state or by the 61 commission and shall be certified to the commission, the auditor 62 of state, the governor, and the budget commission, whereupon 63 such commission and its functions under this chapter shall 64 terminate. Such determination shall be made by the auditor of 6.5 state upon the filing with the auditor of state of a written 66 request for such determination by the municipal corporation, 67 county, or township, the governor, or the commission, or may be 68 made by the auditor of state upon the auditor of state's own 69 initiative. 70
- (C) The commission shall prepare and submit with such certification a final report of its activities, in such form as is appropriate for the purpose of providing a record of its activities and assisting other commissions created under this chapter in the conduct of their functions. All of the books and records of the commission shall be delivered to the auditor of state for retention and safekeeping.

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(D) Upon receipt of the certification provided for in 78 division (B) of this section, the director shall follow the 79 procedures set forth in section 126.29 of the Revised Code. 80 (E) If, at the time of termination of the commission, an 81 effective financial accounting and reporting system has not been 82 fully implemented, the auditor of state shall monitor the 83 progress of implementation and shall exercise authority under 84 Chapter 117. and section 118.10 of the Revised Code to secure 85 full implementation at the earliest time feasible but within two 86 years from such termination. 87 Sec. 118.31. (A) Upon petition of the financial supervisor 88 and approval of the financial planning and supervision 89 commission, if any, the attorney general shall file a legal 90 action in the court of common pleas on behalf of the state to 91 dissolve a municipal corporation or township if all of the 92 following conditions apply: 93 (1) The municipal corporation or township has a population 94 of less than five thousand as of the most recent federal 95 decennial census. 96 (2) The municipal corporation or township has been under a 97 fiscal emergency for at least four consecutive years. 98 99 (3) Implementation of the financial plan of the municipal corporation or township required under this chapter cannot 100 reasonably be expected to correct and eliminate all fiscal 101 emergency conditions within five years. 102 (B) The court of common pleas shall hold a hearing within 103 ninety days after the date on which the attorney general files 104 the legal action with the court. Notice of the hearing shall be 105

filed with the attorney general, the clerk of the village or the

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the territory of the dissolved village may utilize the lot and	137
sublot number previously assigned to the tract, parcel, or lot	138
of land.	139

Sec. 317.18. The county recorder shall make and keep up direct and reverse indexes of all the names of both parties to all instruments previously received for record by the county recorder. The indexes shall show the kind of instrument, the range, township, and section or the survey number and number of acres, or the permanent parcel number provided for under section 319.28 of the Revised Code, or the lot and sublot number and the part thereof, all as the case requires, of each tract, parcel, or lot of land described in any such instrument. The name of each grantor shall be entered in the direct index, and the name of each grantee shall be entered in the reverse index. After a village dissolution under sections 703.31 to 703.39 of the Revised Code, the county recorder may continue to utilize the lot and sublot number previously assigned to a tract, parcel, or lot of land.

As to notices of claims filed in accordance with sections 5301.51, 5301.52, and 5301.56 of the Revised Code, there shall be entered in the reverse index the name of each claimant, followed by the name of the present owner of title against whom the claim is asserted, if the notice contains the name of the present owner; or, if the notice contains the names of more than one such owner, there shall be entered the name of the first owner followed by "and others" or its equivalent. 

In all cases of deeds, mortgages, or other instruments

made by any sheriff, master commissioner, marshal, auditor,

executor, administrator, trustee, or other officer, for the

sale, conveyance, or encumbrance of any lands, tenements, or

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"Period when a dissolution is in question" means the	195
period beginning on the date a petition under section 703.33 of	196
the Revised Code is presented or a legal action is filed by the	197
attorney general under section 118.31 or 703.34 of the Revised	198
Code and ending the date the result of the election under	199
section 703.33 of the Revised Code is certified or the decision	200
of the court of common pleas under section 118.31 or 703.34 of	201
the Revised Code is declared.	202
"Transition period" means the period beginning on the date	203
the dissolution is effective and ending on the date the	204
transition supervisory board determines all outstanding debts,	205
obligations, and liabilities of the dissolved village have been	206
resolved, all real and personal property of the dissolved	207
village has been transferred or otherwise disposed of, and all	208
utility property and utility services have been transferred.	209
"Utility services" means electric, water, sewer, and other	210
similar utilities.	211
Sec. 703.32. The process for dissolving a village, whether	212
the dissolution is determined under section 118.31, 703.33, or	213
703.34 of the Revised Code, shall be conducted in accordance	214
with sections 703.31 to 703.39 of the Revised Code.	215
Sec. 703.20 703.33. (A) Villages may surrender their	216
corporate powers voluntarily dissolve upon the petition to the	217
legislative authority of the village, or, in the alternative, to	218
the board of elections of the county in which the largest	219
portion of the population of the village resides as provided in	220
division (B)(1) of this section, of at least thirty per cent of	221
the electors thereof, to be determined by the number voting at	222
the last regular municipal election, and by an affirmative vote	223
of a majority of the electors at a special election, which shall	224

be provided for by the legislative authority or, in the	225
alternative, at a the next general or special election as	226
provided for by the board of elections under division (B)(1) of	227
this section. The election shall be conducted, canvassed, and	228
the result certified and made known as at regular municipal	229
elections held in an even-numbered year occurring after the	230
period ending ninety days after the filing of the petition with	231
the legislative authority. If the result of the election is in	232
favor of the surrender, the village clerk or, in the	233
alternative, the board of elections shall certify the result to	234
the secretary of state, the auditor of state, and the county	235
recorder, who shall record it in their respective offices. The	236
corporate powers of the village shall cease upon the recording-	237
of the certified election results in the county recorder's	238
<del>office.</del>	239

(B) (1) If the legislative authority of a village fails to 240 act upon the petition within thirty days after receipt of the 241 petition, the electors may present the petition to the board of 242 elections to determine the validity and sufficiency of the 243 signatures. The petition shall be governed by the rules of 244 section 3501.38 of the Revised Code. The petition shall be filed 245 with the board of elections of the county in which the largest 246 portion of the population of the village resides. If the 247 petition is sufficient, the board of elections shall submit the 248 question "Shall the village of surrender its 249 corporate powers?" for the approval or rejection of the electors 250 of the village at the next general or special election, held in 251 any an even-numbered year, occurring after the period ending 252 ninety days after the filing of the petition with the board. If 253 the result of the election is in favor of the surrender, the 254 board of elections shall certify the results to the secretary of 255 Sub. H. B. No. 101

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emergency medical services, road maintenance, or similar	285
services. "Services" does not include any administrative service	286
or legislative action.	287

- (5) The village has failed for any fiscal year to adopt the tax budget required by section 5705.28 of the Revised Code.
- (6) A village elected official has been convicted of theft 290 in office, either under section 2921.41 of the Revised Code or 291 an equivalent criminal statute at the federal level, at least 292 two times in a period of ten years. The convicted official with 293 respect to those convictions may be the same person or different 294 persons.
- (B) If the auditor of state finds, in an audit report issued under division (A) or (B) of section 117.11 of the Revised Code of a village that has a population of one hundred fifty persons or less and consists of less than two square miles, that the village meets at least two conditions for surrendering corporate powersthe dissolution of a village, the auditor of state shall send a certified copy of the report together with a letter to the attorney general requesting the attorney general to institute legal action to dissolve the village in accordance with division (C) of this section. The report and letter shall be sent to the attorney general within ten business days after the auditor of state's transmittal of the report to the village. The audit report transmitted to the village shall be accompanied by a notice to the village of the auditor's intent to refer the report to the attorney general for legal action in accordance with this section.
- (C) Within twenty days of receipt of the auditor of 312 state's report and letter, the attorney general may file a legal 313 action in the court of common pleas on behalf of the state to 314

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request the dissolution of the village that is the subject of 315 the audit report. If a legal action is filed, the court shall 316 hold a hearing within ninety days after the date the attorney 317 general files the legal action with the court. Notice of the 318 hearing shall be filed with the attorney general, the clerk of 319 the village that is the subject of the action, and each fiscal 320 officer of a township located wholly or partly within the 321 village. 322

At the hearing on dissolution, the court shall determine 323 324 if the village has a population of one hundred fifty persons or less, consists of less than two square miles, and meets at least 325 two conditions for surrendering corporate powersthe dissolution 326 of a village. If the court so finds, it the court shall order 327 the dissolution of the village and provide for the surrender of 328 corporate powers , which shall proceed in accordance with 329 section 703.21 sections 703.31 to 703.39 of the Revised Code. 330 The attorney general shall file a certified copy of the court's 331 order of dissolution with the secretary of state and the county 332 recorder of the county in which the village is situated, who 333 shall record it in their respective offices. <del>Upon the recording</del> 334 in the county recorder's office, the corporate powers of the 335 village shall cease. 336

- (D) For purposes of this section, the population of a village shall be the population determined either at the last preceding federal decennial census or according to population estimates certified by the department of development between decennial censuses.
- (E) The procedure in this section is in addition to the procedure of section 703.20-703.33 of the Revised Code for the surrender of the corporate powers dissolution of a village.

Sec. 703.35. During the period when a dissolution is in	345
question, both of the following apply:	346
(A) The legislative authority of the village shall not	347
create any new debts, obligations, or liabilities except to the	348
extent the debt, obligation, or liability is necessary in	349
connection with the continued provision of the village's	350
utilities consistent with prudent utility practice.	351
(B) The legislative authority of the village shall select	352
an official or employee of the village who is knowledgeable on	353
village matters to serve as a representative during a	354
dissolution, should one occur, as specified under section	355
703.361 of the Revised Code.	356
Sec. 703.36. On the date the dissolution is effective, all_	357
of the following apply:	
(A) The village ceases to exist.	359
(B) The corporate powers of the village cease.	360
(C) The village officials cease to hold office. An	361
official elected to start a term on or after the date the	362
dissolution is effective shall not take office.	363
(D) An issue voted on and scheduled to take effect on or	364
after the date the dissolution is effective, other than tax	365
levies and special assessments preserved under section 703.371	366
of the Revised Code, shall not take effect.	367
(E) A charter, if applicable, and all ordinances and	368
resolutions of the village, except for tax levy and special	369
assessment ordinances and resolutions preserved under section	370
703.371 of the Revised Code and ordinances and resolutions	371
necessary to maintain such tax levies and special assessments,	372

are extinguished. Except as provided in division (H) of section	373
703.371 of the Revised Code, all resolutions of the township or	374
townships into which the village dissolved apply throughout the	375
township's newly included territory, including zoning	376
regulations enacted by a board of township trustees under	377
Chapter 519. of the Revised Code except as provided in sections	378
303.22 and 519.22 of the Revised Code. Except as provided in	379
sections 303.22 and 519.22 of the Revised Code, county zoning	380
regulations enacted by a board of county commissioners apply	381
throughout the township's newly included territory as	382
applicable.	383
(F) A transition supervisory board exists, in accordance	384
with section 703.361 of the Revised Code.	385
(G) The territory of the village becomes part of the	386
township or townships in which the village territory is located,	387
along existing township boundaries. If there is uncertainty in	388
this regard, the transition supervisory board shall resolve the	389
uncertainty.	390
(H) All leases to which the dissolved village was a party	391
terminate in accordance with the lease agreement. If a lease	392
agreement does not have a provision governing the circumstances,	393
the transition supervisory board shall resolve the lease.	394
Sec. 703.361. (A) (1) A transition supervisory board	395
<pre>consists of the following three voting members:</pre>	396
(a) The auditor of the county wherein a majority of the	397
village territory was located;	398
(b) A member of the board of county commissioners,	399
selected by the board of county commissioners, of the county	400
wherein a majority of the village territory was located;	401

(c) The recorder of the county wherein a majority of the	402
village territory was located.	403
(2) A township trustee or the township fiscal officer, as	404
determined by the board of township trustees, of each township	405
assuming territory of the dissolved village shall serve on the	406
board as a nonvoting member.	407
(B) The county auditor is the chair of the board.	408
(C) The board is a public body for purposes of section	409
121.22 of the Revised Code.	410
(D) The members of the board are not liable, and shall be	411
held harmless, in any matter in which the board acts in	412
accordance with sections 703.31 to 703.39 of the Revised Code,	413
except for liability imposed as a result of a finding for	414
recovery or other citation in an audit conducted by, or on	415
behalf of, the auditor of state.	416
(E) The transition supervisory board shall appoint and	417
supervise a receiver-trustee. The board shall select a receiver-	418
trustee from a list of persons provided to the board by the	419
auditor of state. The board may replace the receiver-trustee as	420
necessary with approval of the auditor of state.	421
(F) The village representative selected under section	422
703.35 of the Revised Code, the person serving as fiscal officer	423
of the village before it dissolved, and the person serving as	424
the primary legal counsel for the village before it dissolved	425
shall provide consultation to the board as requested by the	426
board. If the legislative authority of a village failed to	427
select a representative under section 703.35 of the Revised	428
Code, the board shall select the village representative.	429
(G) The board shall continue in existence until the date	430

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the Revised Code;	459
(H) Manage the response to public records requests until	460
the records are transferred under section 703.375 of the Revised	461
<pre>Code;</pre>	462
(I) Perform all other duties assigned to the receiver-	463
trustee under sections 703.31 to 703.39 of the Revised Code or	464
assigned to the transition supervisory board under those	465
sections and delegated by the board to the receiver-trustee;	466
(J) Conduct all other necessary business of the dissolved	467
village to conclude the village's affairs.	468
Sec. 703.37. During the transition period, all of the	469
<pre>following apply:</pre>	470
(A) The dissolved village's real and personal property	471
shall be disposed of or transferred as provided under section	472
703.373 of the Revised Code.	
(B) The dissolved village's utility services shall be	474
managed and transferred as provided under section 703.374 of the	475
Revised Code.	476
(C) The dissolved village's records shall be handled as	477
provided under section 703.375 of the Revised Code.	478
(D) Any funds resulting from a legal settlement that	479
should be provided to the dissolved village shall be provided to	480
the receiver-trustee.	481
Sec. 703.371. (A) All taxes and special assessments levied_	482
by the legislative authority of the dissolved village, including	483
taxes levied in accordance with Chapters 718. and 5745. of the	484
Revised Code, shall continue to be collected after the date the	485
dissolution is effective to the extent that the receiver-trustee	486

determines that the revenue is needed to pay the outstanding	487
debts, obligations, and liabilities of the village and may	488
lawfully be used for that purpose.	489
During the transition period, the receiver-trustee shall	490
administer and receive payments or settlements of such taxes and	491
special assessments. After the transition period, the fiscal	492
officer of the township that assumed the most dissolved village	493
territory shall administer and receive payments or settlements	494
of such taxes and special assessments.	495
Except as provided in division (G) of this section,	496
revenue from taxes and special assessments levied by the	497
legislative authority of the dissolved village shall be used	498
solely to pay the outstanding debts, obligations, and	499
liabilities of the village.	500
(B) A property tax or special assessment levied by the	501
legislative authority of a dissolved village that is not needed	502
to pay the outstanding debts, obligations, and liabilities of	503
the village or that cannot lawfully be used for that purpose	504
shall not be levied after the tax year that includes the date	505
the dissolution is effective. Within thirty days after that	506
date, the receiver-trustee or township fiscal officer that	507
administers the tax or assessment shall send notice to the	508
county auditor and each other member of the county budget	509
commission of each county in which the territory of the village	510
is located identifying each property tax levy and special	511
assessment subject to this division and specifying the date the	512
dissolution is effective.	513
(C) A property tax or special assessment levied and	514
collected in accordance with division (A) of this section after	515
the tax year that includes the date the dissolution is effective	516

shall not be levied after the tax year that includes the date	517
that all outstanding debts, obligations, and liabilities of the	518
dissolved village are paid in full. Within thirty days after	519
that date, the receiver-trustee or township fiscal officer that	520
administers the tax or assessment shall send notice to the	521
county auditor and each other member of the county budget	522
commission of each county in which the tax or assessment is	523
levied identifying each property tax levy and special assessment	524
subject to this division and specifying the date that all	525
outstanding debts, obligations, and liabilities of the village	526
were paid in full.	527
(D) A tax levied by the legislative authority of a	528
dissolved village in accordance with Chapter 718. or 5745. of	529
the Revised Code that is not needed to pay the outstanding	530
debts, obligations, and liabilities of the village or that	531
cannot be used for such purposes shall not be levied in any	532
taxable year beginning on or after the date that the dissolution	533
is effective. Within thirty days after that date, the receiver-	534
trustee or township fiscal officer that administers the tax	535
shall send notice to the tax commissioner identifying each tax	536
subject to this division and specifying the date the dissolution	537
is effective.	538
(E) A tax levied in accordance with Chapter 718. or 5745.	539
of the Revised Code and collected in accordance with division	540
(A) of this section after the date the dissolution is effective	541
shall not be levied in any taxable year beginning on or after	542
the date that all outstanding debts, obligations, and	543
liabilities of the dissolved village are paid in full. Within	544
thirty days after that date, the receiver-trustee or the fiscal	545
officer that administers the tax shall immediately send notice	546
to the tax commissioner identifying each tax subject to this	547

(G) All revenue from taxes and special assessments levied 577

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submitted or approved in accordance with section 718.19, 718.91,

or 5745.11 of the Revised Code after the date the fund is

extinguished under this division.

<u>by the legislative authority of a dissolved village that is</u>	578
either not used to pay the outstanding debts, obligations, and	579
liabilities of the village or that cannot be used for that	580
purpose shall be remitted to the township or townships into	581
which the village is dissolved. If more than one township is to	582
receive the remaining revenue, the revenue shall be divided	583
among the townships in proportion to the amount of territory	584
that each township has within the former boundaries of the	585
dissolved village as compared to the total territory within the	586
former boundaries of the dissolved village.	587
The township or townships may use revenue received under	588
this division for any lawful purpose so long as that purpose	589
directly or indirectly benefits the territory of the dissolved	590
village.	591
(H) Resolutions related to property taxes levied by the	592
board of trustees of a township shall apply to all taxable	593
property within the former village territory dissolved into the	594
township on and after the first day of the first taxable year in	595
which, pursuant to divisions (B) and (C) of this section, no	596
property taxes are levied on that property by the legislative	597
authority of the dissolved village. This division applies only	598
to resolutions related to property taxes that are levied on all	599
taxable property within the township or all taxable property	600
within the unincorporated territory of the township. Resolutions	601
related to property taxes levied within a portion of the	602
township or a portion of the township's unincorporated territory	603
shall not apply to the territory of the dissolved village unless	604
such resolutions are amended to include such territory.	605
(I) This section does not apply to taxes or assessments	606
levied within all or part of the territory of a dissolved	607

village by a taxing authority other than the legislative	608
authority of the dissolved village or a board of township	609
trustees. The levy and collection of such taxes and assessments	610
shall continue unimpeded by the dissolution of the village and	611
the revenue derived therefrom shall be used for the purposes	612
described in the ordinance or resolution that levies the tax or	613
assessment.	614
Sec. 703.372. Except as expressly provided in sections	615
703.377 and 703.378 of the Revised Code, the township or	616
townships into which the territory of a village is dissolved do	617
not assume the voted debts, obligations, or liabilities of the	618
village.	619
Unvoted debt serviced by property taxes levied within the	620
ten-mill limitation shall be assumed by the township or	621
townships into which the territory of the village is dissolved	622
in proportion to the total assessed valuation of territory that	623
each township has within the former boundaries of the dissolved	624
village as compared to the total assessed valuation of all	625
territory within the former boundaries of the dissolved village.	626
For the purpose of this section, the total assessed valuation of	627
village territory shall be determined based on the tax year in	628
which the dissolution is effective.	629
Sec. 703.373. During the transition period, the dissolved	630
village's real and personal property shall be disposed of by the	631
receiver-trustee as follows:	632
(A) The receiver-trustee shall dispose of the village's	633
liquidable assets, as necessary, to use the proceeds to pay the	634
outstanding debts, obligations, and liabilities of the dissolved	635
village.	636

(B) The receiver-trustee shall transfer real or personal	637
property related to utility services as provided under section	638
703.374 of the Revised Code.	639
(C) The receiver tweeter shall facilitate the tweeter of	6.4.0
(C) The receiver-trustee shall facilitate the transfer of	640
the remaining real and personal property to the township or	641
townships into which the village dissolved, as follows:	642
(1)(a) If a village is dissolved into one township, the	643
remaining real and personal property vests by operation of law	644
in the township.	645
(b) If a village is dissolved into two or more townships,	646
the receiver-trustee shall direct the townships to enter into an	647
agreement regarding the distribution of the real and personal	648
property not later than sixty days after the date the	649
dissolution is effective. During that timeframe, the receiver-	650
trustee shall assist the townships in evaluating the dissolved	651
village's real and personal property as necessary. If the	652
townships are not able to enter into an agreement during that	653
timeframe, the receiver-trustee shall decide the distribution of	654
the property to the townships.	655
the property to the townships.	033
(2) The receiver-trustee shall record one of the following	656
with the county recorder of the county where an affected parcel	657
of real property is located, along with one or more affidavits	658
stating facts relating to the title as provided for in section	659
5301.252 of the Revised Code:	660
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(a) A list of real property that vests by operation of law	661
under this division;	662
(b) An agreement entered into under this division;	663
(c) The receiver-trustee's distribution in lieu of an	664
agreement under this division.	665

(3) The county recorder shall make appropriate notations	666
in the county records to reflect a transfer under this section.	667
The notations shall include a reference to the county's recorded	668
certificate of dissolution. The recording of a certificate of	669
dissolution or a certified copy thereof, an item recorded under	670
division (C)(2)(a), (b), or (c) of this section, and supporting	671
affidavits serve as sufficient evidence of a transfer of title	672
from the dissolved village to a township or townships. The	673
documents shall be recorded in the same manner as a deed of	674
conveyance, except the receiver-trustee and the affected	675
township or townships are exempt from any fees specified under	676
section 317.32 of the Revised Code.	677
Sec. 703.374. During the transition period, the dissolved	678
village's utility services, if any, shall be handled as follows:	679
(A) The provision of utility services shall be	680
uninterrupted.	681
(B) The receiver-trustee shall manage the continued	682
provision of the utility services until the responsibility is	683
transferred under this section.	684
(C) The receiver-trustee shall transfer management of the	685
utility services, as appropriate, to another entity that	686
lawfully may provide those utility services. The receiver-	687
trustee shall transfer the respective real or personal property	688
to the same entity.	689
Sec. 703.375. (A) During the transition period, the	690
dissolved village's public records shall be handled as follows:	691
(1) The receiver-trustee shall evaluate the dissolved	692
village's records retention schedule to determine if it is	693
viable for future responses to public records requests. If it is	694

viable, the receiver-trustee shall follow the schedule in	695
responding to requests. If it is not viable, the receiver-	696
trustee, with assistance from the county records commission of	697
the county wherein a majority of the village territory was	698
located, shall create a records retention schedule applicable to	699
the dissolved village's records.	700
(2) Requests for the dissolved village's public records	701
shall be submitted to the receiver-trustee. The receiver-trustee	702
shall respond to those requests in accordance with section	703
149.43 of the Revised Code. If the receiver-trustee transferred	704
records under division (B) of this section before receiving a	705
request, the receiver-trustee shall notify the requestor that	706
the records may be available via request to the entity or	707
township to which the records were transferred.	708
(B) Within the first ninety days after the date the	709
dissolution is effective, the receiver-trustee, with assistance	710
from the county records commission of the county wherein a	711
majority of the village territory was located, shall review the	712
records of the dissolved village. The review shall determine	713
which records may be disposed of, which records are related to	714
utility services and shall be transferred to the entity assuming	715
the management of the utility service, and which records shall	716
be transferred to the township or townships into which the	717
dissolved village dissolved. If necessary, the receiver-trustee	718
and commission may seek the assistance of an entity or township	719
for this purpose.	720
(C) Beginning on the date the transition period is over,	721
the township or townships to which the records of the dissolved	722
village were transferred under this section are responsible for	723
responding to requests for those records.	724

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Sec. 703.376. (A) If the dissolved village designated a	725
community improvement corporation as its agency for the purposes	726
described in division (A)(1) of section 1724.10 of the Revised	727
Code, one of the following shall occur during the transition	728
<pre>period:</pre>	729
(1) If the dissolving village is the only subdivision that	730
designated the community improvement corporation as its agency,	731
the community improvement corporation shall be dissolved;	732
(2) If more than one subdivision designated the community	733
<pre>improvement corporation as its agency, the community improvement</pre>	734
corporation shall either: (a) dissolve and apportion its	735
remaining assets among each such subdivision in accordance with	736
the articles of incorporation, or (b) apportion and liquidate	737
the dissolving village's share of the community improvement	738
corporation's assets and amend the articles of incorporation to	739
reflect that the community improvement corporation is no longer	740
the agency of the dissolving village.	741
(B) Assets of a community improvement corporation	742
apportioned to a dissolving village under division (A)(1) or (2)	743
of this section shall be disposed of by the receiver-trustee	744
under section 703.373 of the Revised Code. Assets apportioned to	745
subdivisions other than the dissolving village shall either be	746
retained by the community improvement corporation if the	747
community improvement corporation continues to exist, or	748
disposed of under section 1724.07 of the Revised Code if the	749
community improvement corporation is dissolved.	750
(C) The secretary of state shall cancel the articles of	751
incorporation of a community improvement corporation dissolved	752
under this section, and all rights, privileges, and franchises	753
conferred upon that community improvement corporation by those	754

articles of incorporation then shall cease.	755
Sec. 703.377. (A) As used in this section:	756
(1) "Participating political subdivision" and "special	757
improvement district" have the same meanings as in section	758
1710.01 of the Revised Code.	759
(2) "Appraised value" has the same meaning as in section	760
1710.13 of the Revised Code.	761
(3) "Legislative authority" means the legislative	762
authority of a municipal corporation or board of trustees of a	763
township.	764
(B) During the period when a dissolution is in question,	765
the board of directors of any special improvement district with	766
respect to which the village is a participating political	767
subdivision shall not create any new debts, obligations, or	768
liabilities except to the extent the debt, obligation, or	769
liability is necessary in connection with the continued	770
provision of the utilities of a participating political	771
subdivision consistent with prudent utility practice.	772
(C) During the transition period, the receiver-trustee	773
shall call a meeting to consider winding down the affairs of the	774
district or transitioning the affairs of the district that	775
concern the dissolved village to the township or townships that	776
assumed or will assume district territory as a result of the	777
dissolution. Notice of the meeting shall be given as provided in	778
section 1710.05 of the Revised Code to the members of the	779
district, all participating political subdivisions other than	780
the dissolved village, and the township or townships that	781
assumed or will assume district territory as a result of the	782
dissolution.	783

(D) Upon the affirmative vote of the transition	784
supervisory board, the legislative authority of each township	785
that assumed or will assume district territory as a result of	786
the dissolution, the legislative authorities of all	787
participating political subdivisions other than the dissolved	788
village, and members of the district who collectively own more	789
than fifty per cent of the appraised value of the real property	790
in the district that may be subject to assessment under division	791
(C) of section 1710.06 of the Revised Code, the improvement or	792
services plan for the special improvement district may be	793
amended to replace the dissolving village with the township or	794
townships that assumed or will assume district territory as a	795
result of the dissolution. Upon such a vote, the township or	796
townships assume all rights and responsibilities of the	797
dissolved village related to the special improvement district.	798
(E) Except as provided in division (D) of this section,	799
the special improvement district shall be dissolved. Once	800
dissolved, all bonds, notes, and other obligations of the	801
district associated with the improvement or services plan shall	802
be paid. Thereafter, the plan shall be repealed. All special	803
assessments imposed to pay for the costs of the plan shall	804
continue until all bonds, notes, and other obligations of the	805
district are paid. During the transition period, the receiver-	806
trustee shall assume the rights and obligations of the dissolved	807
village with respect to such assessments. After the transition	808
period, the township or townships that assumed territory of the	809
special improvement district as a result of the dissolution	810
shall assume such rights and obligations.	811
Upon fully paying off all bonds, notes, and other	812
obligations, the board of directors of the special improvement	813
district shall notify the legislative authority of each	814

participating subdivision and either the receiver-trustee or, if	815
the transition period is over, legislative authority of the	816
township or townships that assumed district territory as a	817
result of the dissolution. Upon receiving such notice, the	818
participating political subdivisions and either the receiver-	819
trustee or the township or townships that assumed district	820
territory shall discontinue the levy of any special assessments	821
imposed to pay for costs of the plan.	822
(F) No rights or obligations of any person under any	823
contract, or in relation to any bonds, notes, or assessments	824
made under Chapter 1710. of the Revised Code, shall be affected	825
by the dissolution of the district, except with the consent of	826
that person or by order of a court with jurisdiction over the	827
matter. Upon dissolution of a district, any assets or rights of	828
the district, after payment of all bonds, notes, or other	829
obligations of the district, shall be deposited in a special	830
account in the treasury of each participating political	831
subdivision, prorated based on the total appraised value of the	832
real property located within the subdivision and the former	833
district as compared to the total appraised value of all real	834
property located within the former district. All funds deposited	835
to such a special account shall be used for the benefit of the	836
territory that made up the district.	837
Assets or rights apportioned to the dissolved village	838
shall be disposed of by the receiver-trustee under section	839
703.373 of the Revised Code or, if the transition period is	840
over, dispensed to the township or townships that assumed	841
district property as a result of the dissolution, prorated based	842
on the total appraised value of former district property assumed	843
by each such township. Such assets and rights shall be used for	844
the benefit of the territory that made up the district.	845

Sec. 703.378. Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised	846
Code to the contrary, a township into which property subject to	847
service payments in lieu of taxes required under section 725.04,	848
5709.42, or 5709.46 of the Revised Code, or services charges in	849
lieu of taxes required under section 1728.11 or 1728.111 of the	850
Revised Code, is dissolved in accordance with sections 703.31 to	851
703.39 of the Revised Code shall assume all rights and	852
responsibilities under sections 725.04, 1728.11, 1728.111,	853
5709.40 to 5709.43, or 5709.45 to 5709.47 of the Revised Code of	854
the dissolved village that granted exemption of the property.	855
Sec. 703.379. (A) As used in this section, "local	856
government fund payments" means payments a dissolved village	857
would receive under sections 5747.503, 5747.51, and 5747.53, and	858
division (C) of section 5747.50 of the Revised Code, as	859
applicable, if not for the dissolution of the village.	860
(B) A county budget commission of a county in which all or	861
part of the former territory of the dissolved village is located	862
shall exclude the dissolved village from any apportionment plan	863
adopted under section 5747.51 or 5747.53 of the Revised Code on	864
or after the first day of the transition period. A county budget	865
commission shall not amend an apportionment plan adopted under	866
one of those sections before the first day of the transition	867
period for the purpose of reallocating county undivided local	868
government fund payments apportioned to the dissolved village.	869
(C) All local government fund payments to a dissolved	870
village shall continue as described in divisions (D) and (E) of	871
this section until the end of the last calendar year for which	872
an apportionment plan adopted by a county budget commission	873
under section 5747.51 or 5747.53 of the Revised Code includes	874
allocations of county undivided local government fund revenue to	875

the dissolved village.	876
(D) During the transition period, local government fund	877
payments to the dissolved village shall be distributed to the	878
receiver-trustee for disposal under section 703.373 of the	879
Revised Code.	880
(E) After the transition period, local government fund	881
payments to the dissolved village shall be distributed directly	882
to the fiscal officer of the township that assumed the most	883
dissolved village territory. The fiscal officer shall first	884
apply the revenue to any outstanding debts, obligations, and	885
liabilities of the dissolved village. Any remaining revenue	886
shall then be dispensed to the township or townships into which	887
the territory of the dissolved village was dissolved. Such	888
remaining revenue shall be divided in the same proportions and	889
used for the same purposes as tax and special assessment revenue	890
under division (G) of section 703.371 of the Revised Code.	891
Sec. 703.38. (A) On the date the transition period is	892
over, the transition supervisory board shall notify the auditor	893
of state and all entities affected by, or participating in, the	894
dissolution that the transition period is over.	895
(B) Not later than thirty days after receiving the notice	896
required under division (A) of this section, the auditor of	897
state shall commence a final audit or final agreed-upon	898
procedure audit. The auditor of state shall provide the	899
completed final audit or final agreed-upon procedure audit to	900
the transition supervisory board.	901
Sec. 703.39. Any potential claimant with a potential claim	902
against the dissolving village shall bring the claim not later	903
than ninety days after the day the receiver-trustee initially is	904

appointed by the transition supervisory board. A claim brought	905
after that date is invalid.	906
Sec. 1724.07. In Except as provided in section 703.376 of	907
the Revised Code, in the event of any voluntary or involuntary	908
dissolution, liquidation, or failure to reinstate the articles	909
after cancellation of the community improvement corporation, any	910
remaining assets shall be applied as follows:	911
(A) In the case of an economic development corporation, to	912
such civic projects or public charitable purposes in the	913
community or area as may be determined by the directors with the	914
approval of the court of common pleas of the county wherein the	915
corporation has its principal place of business;	916
(B) In the case of a county land reutilization	917
corporation, as determined by the board of county commissioners	918
with the written approval of the county treasurer. Pending the	919
determination, the remaining assets shall be transferred to the	920
general fund of the county to be held and accounted for in a	921
separate account until applied as determined by the board.	922
Sec. 5705.14. No transfer shall be made from one fund of a	923
subdivision to any other fund, by order of the court or	924
otherwise, except as follows:	925
(A) The unexpended balance in a bond fund that is no	926
longer needed for the purpose for which such fund was created	927
shall be transferred to the sinking fund or bond retirement fund	928
from which such bonds are payable.	929
(B) The unexpended balance in any specific permanent	930
improvement fund, other than a bond fund, after the payment of	931
all obligations incurred in the acquisition of such improvement,	932
shall be transferred to the sinking fund or bond retirement fund	933

of the subdivision; provided that if such money is not required

to meet the obligations payable from such funds, it may be

transferred to a special fund for the acquisition of permanent

improvements, or, with the approval of the court of common pleas

of the county in which such subdivision is located, to the

general fund of the subdivision.

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- (C) (1) Except as provided in division (C) (2) of this 940 section, the unexpended balance in the sinking fund or bond 941 retirement fund of a subdivision, after all indebtedness, 942 943 interest, and other obligations for the payment of which such fund exists have been paid and retired, shall be transferred, in 944 the case of the sinking fund, to the bond retirement fund, and 945 in the case of the bond retirement fund, to the sinking fund; 946 provided that if such transfer is impossible by reason of the 947 nonexistence of the fund to receive the transfer, such 948 unexpended balance, with the approval of the court of common 949 pleas of the county in which such division is located, may be 950 transferred to any other fund of the subdivision. 951
- (2) Money in a bond fund or bond retirement fund of a 952 city, local, exempted village, cooperative education, or joint 953 vocational school district may be transferred to a specific 954 permanent improvement fund provided that the county budget 955 commission of the county in which the school district is located 956 approves the transfer upon its determination that the money 957 transferred will not be required to meet the obligations payable 958 from the bond fund or bond retirement fund. In arriving at such 959 a determination, the county budget commission shall consider the 960 balance of the bond fund or bond retirement fund, the 961 outstanding obligations payable from the fund, and the sources 962 and timing of the fund's revenue. 963

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- (D) The unexpended balance in any special fund, other than 964 an improvement fund, existing in accordance with division (D), 965 (F), or (G) of section 5705.09 or section 5705.12 of the Revised 966 Code, may be transferred to the general fund or to the sinking 967 fund or bond retirement fund after the termination of the 968 activity, service, or other undertaking for which such special 969 fund existed, but only after the payment of all obligations 970 incurred and payable from such special fund. 971
- (E) Money may be transferred from the general fund to any other fund of the subdivision.
- (F) Moneys retained or received by a county under section 4501.04 or division (A)(2) of section 5735.27 of the Revised Code may be transferred from the fund into which they were deposited to the sinking fund or bond retirement fund from which any principal, interest, or charges for which such moneys may be used is payable.
- (G) Moneys retained or received by a municipal corporation 980 under section 4501.04 or division (A)(1) of section 5735.27 of 981 the Revised Code may be transferred from the fund into which 982 they were deposited to the sinking fund or bond retirement fund 983 from which any principal, interest, or charges for which such 984 moneys may be used is payable. 985
- 986 (H) (1) Money may be transferred from the county developmental disabilities general fund to the county 987 developmental disabilities capital fund established under 988 section 5705.091 of the Revised Code or to any other fund 989 created for the purposes of the county board of developmental 990 disabilities, so long as money in the fund to which the money is 991 transferred can be spent for the particular purpose of the 992 transferred money. The county board of developmental 993

disabilities may request, by resolution, that the board of	994
county commissioners make the transfer. The county board of	995
developmental disabilities shall transmit a certified copy of	996
the resolution to the board of county commissioners. Upon	997
receiving the resolution, the board of county commissioners may	998
make the transfer. Money transferred to a fund shall be credited	999
to an account appropriate to its particular purpose.	1000

- (2) An unexpended balance in an account in the county 1001 developmental disabilities capital fund or any other fund 1002 created for the purposes of the county board of developmental 1003 disabilities may be transferred back to the county developmental 1004 disabilities general fund. The transfer may be made if the 1005 unexpended balance is no longer needed for its particular 1006 purpose and all outstanding obligations have been paid. Money 1007 transferred back to the county developmental disabilities 1008 general fund shall be credited to an account for current 1009 expenses within that fund. The county board of developmental 1010 disabilities may request, by resolution, that the board of 1011 county commissioners make the transfer. The county board of 1012 developmental disabilities shall transmit a certified copy of 1013 the resolution to the board of county commissioners. Upon 1014 receiving the resolution, the board of county commissioners may 1015 make the transfer. 1016
- (I) Money may be transferred from the public assistance 1017 fund established under section 5101.161 of the Revised Code to 1018 either of the following funds, so long as the money to be 1019 transferred from the public assistance fund may be spent for the 1020 purposes for which money in the receiving fund may be used: 1021
- (1) The children services fund established under section 1022
  5101.144 of the Revised Code; 1023

(2) The child support enforcement administrative fund	1024
established, as authorized under rules adopted by the director	1025
of job and family services, in the county treasury for use by	1026
any county family services agency.	1027
(J) Notwithstanding this section, money in any fund or	1028
account of a village dissolved in accordance with sections	1029
703.31 to 703.39 of the Revised Code may be transferred by the	1030
receiver-trustee to a special account for the purpose of paying	1031
the debts, obligations, and liabilities of the dissolved village	1032
or to the general fund of any township into which the territory	1033
of the village is dissolved for any purpose that directly or	1034
indirectly benefits the former territory of the dissolved	1035
village.	1036
(K) Except in the case of transfer pursuant to division	1037
(E) or (J) of this section, transfers authorized by this section	1038
shall only be made by resolution of the taxing authority passed	1039
with the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members.	1040
Section 2. That existing sections 118.27, 118.31, 317.18,	1041
703.20, 703.201, 703.23, 1724.07, and 5705.14 of the Revised	1042
Code are hereby repealed.	1043
Section 3. That section 703.21 of the Revised Code is	1044
hereby repealed.	1045