



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3354.02 Community college district.

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A community college district may be created with the approval of the Ohio board of regents pursuant to standards established by the board. The standards shall take into consideration such factors as the population of the proposed district, the present and potential pupil enrollment, the present and potential higher education facilities in the district, and such other factors as pertain to the educational needs of the district. The Ohio board of regents may undertake or contract for a study to be made relative to the establishment of a community college district.

The attorney general shall be the attorney for each community college district and shall provide legal advice in all matters relating to its powers and duties.

A proposal to create a community college district may be presented to the Ohio board of regents in any of the following ways:

- (A) The board of county commissioners of any county, having a population of not less than seventy-five thousand, may, by resolution approved by two-thirds of its members, propose the creation of a community college district consisting of the whole territory of such county.
- (B) The boards of county commissioners of any two or more contiguous counties, which together have a combined population of not less than seventy-five thousand, may, by a resolution approved by two-thirds of the members of each such board, together and jointly propose the creation of a community college district consisting of the whole territories of such counties together.
- (C) Qualified electors residing in a county or in two or more contiguous counties may execute a petition proposing the creation of a community college district comprised of the territory of a county or two or more contiguous counties, respectively. Such petition shall be presented to the board of elections of the most populous county in which the proposed community college district is situated, and shall be signed by at least two per cent of the total number of resident electors who voted in the most recent election for governor in the territory of such proposed district. Such petition shall set



forth the necessity for the district, a demonstration that it will be conducive to the public convenience and welfare, and a description of the territory to be included in the proposed district.

Upon receiving a petition duly executed pursuant to this division, the board of elections of the most populous county shall certify the fact of such petition to the election boards of the other counties, if any, to be included in such district. The proposal to create such district shall be placed on the ballot by the board of elections and submitted to vote in each affected county or group of contiguous counties, at the next primary or general election occurring more than seventy-five days after the filing of such petition. If there is no primary or general election occurring within ninety days after the filing of such petition, the board of elections of the most populous county shall fix the date of a special election to be held in each affected county, or group of contiguous counties, such date to be not less than seventy-five days after the filing of the petition and to be consistent with the requirements of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code. If a majority of the electors voting on the proposition in the proposed community college district vote in favor thereof, the board of elections of the most populous county in which the proposed district is situated shall certify such fact to the Ohio board of regents.

(D) No county shall be included in the territory of more than one community college district.

A community college district may also be created under division (D) of section 3358.02 of the Revised Code.