



Ohio Revised Code

Section 5553.23 Petition by landowner to relocate road or trail - vacation of unimproved public roads.

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If a person through whose land a public road has been established, which is under the jurisdiction of the board of county commissioners, desires to turn or change or relocate such road or any part thereof through any part of the person's land, the person may file a petition with the board of county commissioners setting forth briefly the particular change desired. Upon the receipt of such petition, the board shall give notice by publication once not later than two weeks prior to the date for the hearing on such petition in a newspaper of general circulation in said county, stating that such petition has been filed and setting forth the change desired in such road and the date and place for the hearing on said petition. If a public road was once established for public convenience through private lands, but has not been improved by public funds and for more than twenty-one years has not been used, the owner of such land may petition the board to vacate the road in accordance with proceedings under sections 5553.04 to 5553.11 of the Revised Code.

A person through whose land a trail right of way has been preserved under section 5553.044 of the Revised Code may file a petition to turn or change the route of the trail right of way in the manner provided in this section, and such petition shall be acted upon in the manner set forth in sections 5553.23 to 5553.31 of the Revised Code. Notice of the hearing in such case shall also be made by first class mail to the director of natural resources. If the board turns or changes the route of the trail right of way, it shall furnish the director with a full and accurate description or map of the change.
