



Ohio Revised Code

Section 154.22 Capital facilities for parks and recreation.

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(A) Subject to authorization by the general assembly under section 154.02 of the Revised Code, the issuing authority may authorize and issue obligations pursuant to this chapter to pay costs of capital facilities for parks and recreation.

(B) Any capital facilities for parks and recreation may be leased by the commission to the department of natural resources and other agreements may be made by the commission and such department with respect to the use or purchase of such capital facilities or, subject to the approval of the director of such department, the commission may lease such capital facilities to, and make other agreements with respect to their use or purchase with, any governmental agency having authority under law to operate such capital facilities, and the director of such department may sublease such capital facilities to, and make other agreements with respect to the use or purchase thereof with, any such governmental agency, or such director may sublease or contract for the operation of such capital facilities in accordance with the applicable provisions of sections 1501.09, 1501.091, and 1501.10 of the Revised Code, all upon such terms and conditions as the parties may agree upon and pursuant to this chapter, notwithstanding any other provisions of law affecting the leasing, acquisition, or disposition of capital facilities by such parties.

(C) For purposes of this section, "available receipts" means all receipts, including fees, charges, and rentals, derived or to be derived from state parks and public service facilities in any state park or parks, any other receipts of state agencies with respect to parks and recreational facilities, any revenues or receipts derived by the commission from the operation, leasing, or other disposition of capital facilities financed under this section, the proceeds of obligations issued under this section and sections 154.11 and 154.12 of the Revised Code, and also means any gifts, grants, donations, and pledges, and receipts thereon, available for the payment of bond service charges on obligations issued under this section. The issuing authority may pledge all, or such portion as it determines, of the available receipts to the payment of bond service charges on obligations issued under this section and sections 154.11 and 154.12 of the Revised Code and for the establishment and maintenance of any reserves, as provided in the bond proceedings, and make other provisions therein with respect to



such available receipts as authorized by this chapter, which provisions shall be controlling notwithstanding any other provision of law pertaining thereto.

(D) The issuing authority may covenant in the bond proceeding that the state and state agencies shall, so long as any obligations issued under this section are outstanding, cause to be charged and collected fees, charges, and rentals for the use of state parks and public service facilities and other fees and charges with respect to parks and recreation sufficient in amount to provide for the payment of bond service charges on such obligations and for the establishment and maintenance of any reserves as provided in the bond proceedings, and such covenants shall be controlling notwithstanding any other provision of law pertaining to such charges except any provision of law prohibiting or limiting charges for the use of swimming facilities of state parks and public service facilities by persons under sixteen years of age.

(E) There is hereby created the parks and recreation bond service trust fund, which shall be in the custody of the treasurer of state but shall be separate and apart from and not a part of the state treasury. All moneys received by or on account of the commission or issuing authority or state agencies and required by the applicable bond proceedings to be deposited, transferred, or allocated to or received for the purposes of the trust fund shall be deposited with the treasurer of state and credited to such fund, subject to applicable provisions of the bond proceedings but without necessity for any act of appropriation. The trust fund is hereby pledged to the payment of bond service charges on the obligations issued pursuant to this section and sections 154.11 and 154.12 of the Revised Code to the extent provided in the applicable bond proceedings, and payment thereof from such fund shall be made or provided for by the treasurer of state in accordance with such bond proceedings without necessity for any act of appropriation.

(F) There is hereby created in the state treasury the parks and recreation improvement fund. Subject to the bond proceedings therefor, all of the proceeds of the sale of obligations issued pursuant to this section shall be credited to such fund, except that any accrued interest received shall be credited to the parks and recreation bond service trust fund. The parks and recreation improvement fund may also be comprised of gifts, grants, appropriated moneys, and other sums and securities received to the credit of such fund. Such fund shall be applied only to the purpose of paying costs of capital facilities for parks and recreation under the jurisdiction of the department of natural resources or for participation in capital facilities for parks and recreation with the federal government, municipal



corporations, counties, or other governmental agencies, or any one or more of them, which participation may be by grants or contributions to them for such capital facilities. All investment earnings on the cash balance in the fund shall be credited to the fund.

(G) All state parks shall be exclusively under the control and administration of the division of parks and watercraft. With the approval of the recreation and resources council created in section 1501.04 of the Revised Code, the director of natural resources may by order remove from the classification as state parks any of the lands or interests therein referred to in divisions (M)(2) and (3) of section 154.01 of the Revised Code, subject to the limitations, provisions, and conditions in any order authorizing state park revenue bonds, in any trust agreement securing such bonds, or in bond proceedings with respect to obligations issued pursuant to this section. Lands or interests therein so removed shall be transferred to other divisions of the department for administration or may be sold as provided by law. Proceeds of any sale shall be used or transferred as provided in the order authorizing state park revenue bonds or in such trust agreement, or in bond proceedings with respect to obligations issued pursuant to this section, and if no such provision is made shall be transferred to the state park fund created by section 1546.21 of the Revised Code.

(H) This section shall be applied with other applicable provisions of this chapter.

(I) Any instrument by which real property is acquired pursuant to this section shall identify the agency of the state that has the use and benefit of the real property as specified in section 5301.012 of the Revised Code.