



## Ohio Revised Code Section 169.081

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(A) Notwithstanding division (I)(4) of section 169.08 of the Revised Code, attorney unclaimed funds and interest earned thereon that are first reported to the director under section 169.03 of the Revised Code on or before January 1, 2016, and that are deemed abandoned and escheat to the state on January 1, 2026, shall remain in the custody of, or remain eligible for claim by, the director of the Ohio access to justice foundation under division (A) of section 169.052 of the Revised Code. Such funds shall continue to be subject to section 169.052 of the Revised Code until January 1, 2036, after which all property rights, legal title to, and ownership of those funds and interest earned thereon vest solely in the Ohio access to justice foundation.

(B) This section does not apply to attorney unclaimed funds and interest earned thereon that are first reported to the director under section 169.03 of the Revised Code after January 1, 2016. Such funds are subject to division (I), other than division (I)(1), of section 169.08 of the Revised Code, which may be offset by an appropriation to the Ohio access to justice foundation under division (C) of this section.

(C) The general assembly may appropriate funds to the Ohio access to justice foundation each biennium to offset attorney unclaimed funds and interest earned thereon that are deemed abandoned and escheat to the state pursuant to division (I), other than division (I)(1), of section 169.08 of the Revised Code. Such funds shall not be subject to section 169.052 of the Revised Code.

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