



Ohio Revised Code

Section 302.18 County executive - powers and duties.

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(A) The county executive shall be the administrative head of the county and shall have all powers and shall perform all duties of an administrative or executive nature vested in or imposed upon the board of county commissioners by general law or by agreement with any municipality or other subdivision of government of Ohio and such additional powers as are granted and imposed by the board, and the county executive shall administer the resolutions of the board of county commissioners and the laws of the state relating to or required to be enforced by the county executive's office. The county executive shall supervise the departments established pursuant to division (A) of section 302.13 of the Revised Code. All authority of the board of county commissioners under general law with respect to the adoption of the county budget and the submission of any matter to the electors shall be exercised by the board of county commissioners provided for under Chapter 302. of the Revised Code. Contracts between the county and other agencies of government shall be approved or authorized by the board of county commissioners.

(B) The county executive, under the elective executive plan, shall exercise all authority of the board of county commissioners to appoint, suspend, and remove all county personnel whose appointment, suspension, and removal was a function of the board of county commissioners under general law, except for the clerk of the board of county commissioners, the clerk's clerical assistants, and the appointments listed in division (C) of section 302.18 of the Revised Code. Under the appointive executive plan, the board of county commissioners shall have the power to appoint, suspend, and remove all county personnel whose appointment, suspension, and removal was a function of the board under general law, upon the recommendation of the county executive.

(C) Appointment of officers, which by general law in sections 303.04, 303.13, 305.29, 306.01, 306.02, 329.01, 329.06, 5153.39, and 5155.03 of the Revised Code is required to be made by the board of county commissioners, shall be made by the county executive, under either plan, with advice and consent of the board of county commissioners. The county executive, under either plan, also shall appoint with the advice and consent of the board of county commissioners, all officers and members of boards and commissions, other than officers of a court or employees or other persons



advisory to or subject to the supervision of a court or judge thereof, which by general law in sections 331.01, 339.02, 1545.02, 1545.03, 1545.04, and 1545.05 of the Revised Code are to be appointed by a judge or judges of the probate or common pleas court of the county.

(D) The county executive, under the elective executive plan, shall have the power to veto any ordinance or resolution adopted by the board of county commissioners. A veto by the county executive may apply to all or any items of an ordinance appropriating money. Certification of a veto must be made by the county executive within ten days of its adoption by the board of county commissioners, and the board of county commissioners may override the veto by a two-thirds vote of all its members. Under the elective executive plan an ordinance or resolution shall become effective upon approval by the county executive, expiration of such ten days without approval or veto, or overriding of a veto.

(E) The county executive shall promote the coordination of all county functions and for this purpose shall make an annual public report on the state of the county.