



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 3355.02 University branch district.

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(A) The legislative authority of any municipal corporation having a population of not less than fifty thousand as determined by the most recent federal decennial census may, by resolution approved by two-thirds of its members, create a university branch district, if a branch of a public university has been in operation in that municipality for at least the full two years immediately preceding that time.

(B) The board of county commissioners of any county having a population of not less than fifty thousand as determined by the most recent federal decennial census may, by resolution approved by two-thirds of its members, create a university branch district if a branch of a public university has been in operation in that county for at least the full two years immediately preceding that time.

(C) The boards of county commissioners of any two or more contiguous counties which together have a combined population of not less than fifty thousand, as determined by the most recent federal decennial census may, by resolution approved by two-thirds of the members of each such board, together and jointly create a university branch district, if a branch of a public university has been in operation in any one of the counties for at least the full two years immediately preceding that time.

(D) A resolution creating a university branch district shall set forth the name of such district, and a description of the territory to be included in the proposed district. The creation of an authority of this nature by a municipality, county, or group of counties shall cause this authority to create university branch districts, to be unavailable to the other units of local government in the affected county or counties.

(E) In any municipal corporation or county or group of two or more contiguous counties, having a total population of not less than fifty thousand as determined by the most recent federal decennial census, where no university branch district has been created either by action of the legislative authority of the municipal corporation or by action of the board or boards of county commissioners,



the electors in such municipal corporation or county or counties may petition for the creation of a university branch district. Such petition shall be presented to the board of elections of the county or of the most populous county in the proposed university branch district and shall be signed by qualified voters of the territory within the proposed university branch district, not less in number than five per cent of the vote cast in the most recent gubernatorial election. A petition calling for the creation of a university branch district shall set forth the proposed name of such district, the necessity for the district, and a description of the territory to be included in the proposed district.

In a petition submitted by qualified voters, pursuant to this section, which proposes the creation of a university branch district comprised of two or more counties, the number of valid signatures from each county shall be not less in number than five per cent of the vote cast in the most recent gubernatorial election.

Upon receiving a petition calling for creation of a university branch district, pursuant to this section, the board of elections of the county of the most populous county in such district shall certify the validity of the signatures and the fact of such petition to the election boards of the other counties, if any, to be included in such district, and shall certify to such other boards that, pursuant to this section, the proposal to create such district shall be placed on the ballot at the next primary or general election occurring more than ninety days after the filing of such petition. If a majority of the electors voting on the proposition in each county of the proposed district vote in favor thereof, such district shall be established.

No county shall be included in the territory of more than one university branch district.