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I take much pleasure in the publication of Banks-Baldwin's twentieth annual edition of the Opinions of the Attorney General.

This publication has been of considerable assistance to those concerned with and affected by formal opinions issued by Ohio attorneys general. I trust that this most recent volume will be of equal benefit to those who refer to it.

If you have any suggestions for changes that will make this publication more useful, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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# ATTORNEYS GENERAL

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## STATE OF OHIO

Note: The office of Attorney General was established as an elective office by the Constitution of 1851, and the term of office was two years. By an amendment made in 1954 the term of office is now four years.

Henry Stanberry .....	1846-1851
Joseph McCormick .....	1851-1852
George E. Pugh .....	1852-1854
George W. McCook .....	1854-1856
Francis D. Kimball .....	1856-
C. P. Wolcott (a) .....	1856-1861
James Murray .....	1861-1863
Lyman R. Critchfield .....	1863-1865
William P. Richardson .....	1865-
Chauncey N. Olds (b) .....	1865-1866
William H. West .....	1866-1868
Francis B. Pond .....	1868-1872
John Little .....	1872-1878
Isaiah Pillars .....	1878-1880
George K. Nash .....	1880-1883
D. A. Hollingsworth (c) .....	1883-1884
James Lawrence .....	1884-1886
Jacob A. Kohler .....	1886-1888
David K. Watson .....	1888-1892
John K. Richards .....	1892-1896
Frank S. Monnett .....	1896-1900
John W. Sheets .....	1900-1904
Wade H. Ellis (e) .....	1904-Nov., 1908(d)
Ulysses G. Denman (f) .....	Nov., 1908- 1911
Timothy S. Hogan .....	1911-1915
Edward C. Turner .....	1915-1917
Joseph McGee .....	1917-1919
John G. Price .....	1919-1923
C. C. Crabbe .....	1923-1927
Edward C. Turner .....	1927-1929
Gilbert Bettman .....	1929-1933
John W. Bricker .....	1933-1937
Herbert S. Duffy .....	1937-1939
Thomas J. Herbert .....	1939-1945
Hugh S. Jenkins .....	1945-1949
Herbert S. Duffy .....	1949-1951
C. William O'Neill .....	1951-1957
William B. Saxbe .....	1957-1959
Mark McElroy .....	1959-1963
William B. Saxbe .....	1963-1969
Paul W. Brown .....	1969-1971
William J. Brown .....	1971-1983
Anthony J. Celebrezze, Jr. ....	1983-

Notes:

(a) Appointed vice Francis D. Kimball, who resigned September 1856.

(b) Appointed February 20, 1865, vice William P. Richardson, who was elected while a Colonel in command of Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio, and resigned as Attorney General in February 1865, and remained in the service.

(c) Appointed April 21, 1883, vice George K. Nash, who resigned, to become a member of the Supreme Court Commission.

(d) Term extended to 1909 by constitutional amendment.

(e) Resigned November 1908, to become Assistant United States Attorney General.

(f) Appointed November 1908, for unexpired term ending January 1909, vice Wade H. Ellis, resigned; then served the full term commencing January 11, 1909.

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### ORGANIZATION, POWERS, AND DUTIES

#### 109.01 Election; term

The attorney general shall be elected quadrennially, and shall hold his office for a term of four years. The term of office of the attorney general shall commence on the second Monday of January next after his election.

**HISTORY:** 179 v 582, eff. 1-10-61  
1953 H 1; GC 331

#### CROSS REFERENCES

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 Am Jur 2d: 7, Attorney General § 2

#### 109.02 Duties

The attorney general is the chief law officer for the state and all its departments and shall be provided with adequate office space in Columbus. No state officer, board, or the head of a department or institution of the state shall employ, or be represented by, other counsel or attorneys at law. The attorney general shall appear for the state in the trial and argument of all civil and criminal causes in the supreme court in which the state is directly or indirectly interested. When required by the governor or the general assembly, he shall appear for the state in any court or tribunal in a cause in which the state is a party, or in which the state is directly interested. Upon the written request of the governor, he shall prosecute any person indicted for a crime.

**HISTORY:** 1969 S 438, eff. 11-17-69  
1953 H 1; GC 333

Note: 1983 H 291, § 41, eff. 7-1-83, reads, in part:

*Appointment of Legal Counsel for the Governor*

Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 109.02 and 109.07 of the Revised Code, the Governor may appoint legal counsel without the approval of the Attorney General to be used in proceedings involving the Governor in his official capacity or his office only. Such legal counsel shall be paid for services from funds appropriated by the General Assembly for that purpose.

#### CROSS REFERENCES

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### **109.03 Appointment of assistant attorney general and chief counsel; duties**

The attorney general may appoint a first assistant attorney general, a chief counsel, and assistant attorneys general, each of whom shall be an attorney at law, to serve for the term for which the attorney general is elected, unless sooner discharged by him, and each shall perform such duties, not otherwise provided by law, as are assigned him by the attorney general.

HISTORY: 1953 H 1, eff. 10-1-53

GC 334

#### CROSS REFERENCES

Am Jur 2d: 7, Attorney General § 3

### **109.04 Powers and duties of first assistant attorney general**

During the absence or disability of the attorney general, or when so directed by the attorney general, including all the rights, privileges, and powers conferred upon the attorney general by sections 2939.10, 2939.11, and 2939.17 of the Revised Code, the first assistant attorney general shall perform the duties of the attorney general.

HISTORY: 1953 H 1, eff. 10-1-53

GC 335

#### CROSS REFERENCES

Court of claims, attorney general, assistants, special counsel, powers and duties, 2743.14 et seq.

Assistant attorney general, representation of public utilities commission, 4901.17

### **109.05 Employees**

The attorney general may appoint such employees as are necessary.

HISTORY: 1953 H 1, eff. 10-1-53

GC 337

### **109.06 Bond**

Before entering upon the discharge of the duties of his office, the attorney general shall give a bond to the state in the sum of five thousand dollars, with two or more sureties approved by the governor, conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office. Such bond, with the approval of the governor and the oath of office indorsed thereon, shall be



deposited with the secretary of state and kept in his office.

The first assistant attorney general shall give a bond to the state in the sum of five thousand dollars, and such other employees as are designated by the attorney general shall give a bond to the state in such amounts as the attorney general determines. Such bonds shall be approved by the attorney general, conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties of their offices, and shall be deposited with the secretary of state and kept in his office.

**HISTORY:** 1953 H 1, eff. 10-1-53  
GC 332, 335

**CROSS REFERENCES**

OJur 2d: 26, Governor § 6  
Am Jur 2d: 63, Public Officers and Employees § 414 to 449

**109.07 Special counsel**

The attorney general may appoint special counsel to represent the state in civil actions, criminal prosecutions, or other proceedings in which the state is a party or directly interested. Such special counsel shall be paid for their services from funds appropriated by the general assembly for that purpose.

**HISTORY:** 1953 H 1, eff. 10-1-53  
GC 336

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**CROSS REFERENCES**

Court of claims, attorney general, assistants, special counsel, powers and duties, 2743.14 et seq.

Am Jur 2d: 7, Attorney General § 3

**109.08 Special counsel to collect claims**

The attorney general may appoint special counsel to represent the state in connection with all claims of whatsoever nature which are certified to the attorney general for collection under any law or which the attorney general is authorized to collect.

Such special counsel shall be paid for their services from funds collected by them in an amount approved by the attorney general.

**HISTORY:** 1953 H 1, eff. 10-1-53  
GC 336-1

**CROSS REFERENCES**

Am Jur 2d: 7, Attorney General § 3

**109.081 Claims special account**

There is hereby created the attorney general claims special account in the state special revenue fund. Five per cent of all moneys collected by the attorney general, either directly or by special counsel pursuant to section 109.08 of the Revised Code, on claims due the state shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the attorney general claims special account. The special account shall be used insofar as funds are available solely for the expenses of the claims section of the office of the attorney general.

**HISTORY:** 1983 H 291, eff. 7-1-83

**109.09 Action on official bonds**

When so directed, the attorney general shall bring an action on the official bond of a delinquent officer, and shall also prosecute any officer for an offense against the revenue laws of the state that come to his knowledge. Such action may be brought by him in the court of common pleas of Franklin county, or of any county in which one or more of the defendants reside, or can be summoned.

**HISTORY:** 1953 H 1, eff. 10-1-53  
GC 338

**CROSS REFERENCES**

OJur 3d: 15, Civil Servants and Other Public Officers and Employees § 268, 270, 291; 29, Criminal Law § 2361  
Am Jur 2d: 7, Attorney General § 18, 21

**109.10 Proceedings in quo warranto**

The attorney general may prosecute a proceeding in quo warranto in the supreme court of the state, the court of appeals of Franklin county, or the court of appeals of any county wherein a defendant company has a place of business, or the officers or persons made defendants reside or may be found.

**HISTORY:** 1953 H 1, eff. 10-1-53  
GC 339

**CROSS REFERENCES**

Quo warranto, 1331.11, 1331.12, 2733.03

OJur 2d: 45, Quo warranto § 3, 25, 30, 33  
Am Jur 2d: 7, Attorney General § 23

**109.11 Canal land disputes; title; reports**

The attorney general shall be the legal advisor of the department of administrative services and all other departments of the state in disputes concerning

canals, canal basins, and canal lands; and shall examine and perfect title to all state canals, canal basins, and canal lands.

The attorney general may designate one or more of his assistant attorneys general or other personnel to perform such duties and, where necessary, may contract with surveyors, survey companies, title examiners, and title companies in furtherance of such duties. Such assistant attorneys general or other personnel shall receive such remuneration as may be fixed by the attorney general.

The attorney general shall submit quarterly reports to the natural resources commission<sup>1</sup>, and the legislative service commission summarizing the activities of the office of the attorney general in connection herewith.

**HISTORY:** 1973 S 174, eff. 12-4-73  
128 v 317

<sup>1</sup>So in original; should this read "recreation and resources commission"?

Note: Former 109.11 repealed by 125 v 351, eff. 10-14-53; 1953 H 1; GC 340.

#### **109.12 Legal advice to state officers and board**

The attorney general, when so requested, shall give legal advice to a state officer, board, commission, the warden of the penitentiary, the superintendent, trustees, or directors of a benevolent or reformatory institution of the state, and the trustees of the Ohio state university, in all matters relating to their official duties.

**HISTORY:** 1953 H 1, eff. 10-1-53  
GC 341

#### **CROSS REFERENCES**

See Baldwin's Ohio School Law, Text 3.03

Printing and distribution of opinions of the attorney general, 125.69

Ohio state university legal adviser, 3335.14

OJur 2d: 43A, Prisons and Prisoners § 12; 54, Universities and Colleges § 40

Am Jur 2d: 7, Attorney General § 10

#### **109.121 Land title review and opinion**

Prior to the acquisition by the state of any right, title, or interest in real property, except highway rights-of-way, evidence of such right, title, or interest shall be submitted to the attorney general for his review and opinion. Such evidence shall be that customarily and generally used in the community in which the real property is situated and may consist of, but not be limited to, attorneys' opinions of title, abstracts of title, title guarantees, or title insurance.

**HISTORY:** 1969 S 205, eff. 11-12-69

Note: 1972 H 1170, eff. 10-19-72, enacted another version of section 109.121 which was later recodified as 109.122 by 1973 H 1, eff. 3-22-73, thereby leaving the version of 109.121 as enacted by 1969 S 205 intact.

#### **109.122 Defense of tort actions against certain employees—Repealed**

**HISTORY:** 1980 S 76, eff. 3-13-80  
1973 H 1

Note: Former 109.122 was prior 109.121 recodified by 1973 H 1, eff. 3-22-73; 1972 H 1170.

#### **109.13 General assembly may require written opinions**

When so required by resolution, the attorney general shall give his written opinion on questions of law to either house of the general assembly.

**HISTORY:** 1953 H 1, eff. 10-1-53  
GC 342

#### **CROSS REFERENCES**

Am Jur 2d: 7, Attorney General § 10

#### **109.14 Attorney general shall advise prosecuting attorneys**

When requested by them, the attorney general shall advise the prosecuting attorneys of the several counties respecting their duties in all complaints, suits, and controversies in which the state is, or may be a party.

**HISTORY:** 1953 H 1, eff. 10-1-53  
GC 343

#### **CROSS REFERENCES**

See Baldwin's Ohio School Law, Text 3.03

OJur 3d: 15, Civil Servants and Other Public Officers and Employees § 382

Am Jur 2d: 7, Attorney General § 13

#### **109.15 Forms of contracts**

The attorney general shall prepare suitable forms of contracts, obligations, and other like instruments of writing for the use of state officers, when requested by the governor, secretary of state, auditor of state, or treasurer of state.

**HISTORY:** 1953 H 1, eff. 10-1-53  
GC 344

#### **CROSS REFERENCES**

OJur 2d: 26, Governor § 4; 45, Public Works and Contracts § 19

**109.16 Suits may be brought in Franklin county**

The attorney general may prosecute an action, information, or other proceeding in behalf of the state, or in which the state is interested, except prosecutions by indictment, in the proper court of Franklin county, or of any other county in which one or more of the defendants reside or may be found. No civil action, unless elsewhere specially provided, shall be commenced in Franklin county, if one or more of the defendants do not reside or cannot be found therein, unless the attorney general certifies on the writ that he believes the amount in controversy exceeds five hundred dollars.

**HISTORY:** 1953 H 1, eff. 10-1-53  
GC 345

**CROSS REFERENCES**

See Merrick-Rippner, Ohio Probate Law (3rd Ed.), Text 185.11

Commencement of action, venue, where proper, Civ R 3(B)

OJur 2d: 51, Taxation § 450; 55, Venue § 13, 18  
Am Jur 2d: 7, Attorney General § 13

**109.17 Writs in other counties**

In all cases instituted by the attorney general under sections 109.01 to 109.22, inclusive, of the Revised Code, the writ may be sent by mail to the sheriff of any county, and returned by him in like manner. For such service, the sheriff shall be allowed the same mileage and fees as if the writ had been issued from the court of common pleas or the court of appeals of his county, and made returnable thereto.

**HISTORY:** 1953 H 1, eff. 10-1-53  
GC 346

**CROSS REFERENCES**

OJur 2d: 44, Process § 31; 49, Sheriffs, Marshals, and Constables § 16

**109.18 Service by publication**

If a writ or mesne process in proceedings in quo warranto is returned "not found" by the sheriff of the county in which the company is authorized by law to have its place of business, the clerk of the court in which the information or other proceeding is filed shall issue a notice of the filing and substance thereof, and cause it to be published once a week for six consecutive weeks in a newspaper published in and of general circulation in the county wherein such company is authorized to have its place of business. An affidavit of the publication together with a copy of the notice shall be filed in the office of the clerk. If the defendant company fails to answer or plead to such information or proceeding within thirty days

from the filing of the affidavit and copy, judgment shall be given upon the default as if the writ or mesne process had been served and returned.

**HISTORY:** 1977 H 42, eff. 10-7-77  
1953 H 1; GC 347

**CROSS REFERENCES**

OJur 2d: 45, Quo Warranto § 39, 40, 54  
Am Jur 2d: 65, Quo Warranto § 52, 58, 129

**109.19 Security for costs and verification of pleadings**

No undertaking or security is required on behalf of the state or an officer thereof, in the prosecution or defense of any action, writ, or proceeding. In an action, writ, or proceeding it is not necessary to verify the pleadings on the part of the state or any officer thereof.

**HISTORY:** 1953 H 1, eff. 10-1-53  
GC 348

**CROSS REFERENCES**

OJur 2d: 43, Pleading § 49; 45, Quo Warranto § 40; 48, Sales, Use and Storage Taxes § 64  
OJur 3d: 4, Appellate Review § 231, 232; 19, Costs in Civil Actions § 48  
Am Jur 2d: 4, Appeal and Error § 330; 61A Pleading § 340, 341

**109.20 Actions to be taken out of their order**

Upon motion of the attorney general, embodying a statement that the public interests require it, a civil action, brought or prosecuted by him on behalf of the state, or an officer, board, or commission thereof, or an action in which the state is a party, shall be taken out of its order upon the docket and assigned for trial at as early a day as practicable.

**HISTORY:** 1953 H 1, eff. 10-1-53  
GC 349

**109.21 Annual report**

The attorney general shall pay all moneys collected or received by him on behalf of the state into the state treasury to the credit of the general revenue fund. Each year he shall make a report to the governor of the moneys so received and the business of his office, together with an abstract of the statistics of crime returned to him by the prosecuting attorneys of the several counties.

**HISTORY:** 1953 H 1, eff. 10-1-53  
GC 350

**CROSS REFERENCES**

Filing of official reports, 149.01

OJur 2d: 26, Governor § 15

### 109.22 Registers shall be kept

The attorney general shall keep a register of all actions, demands, complaints, writs, informations, and other proceedings, prosecuted or defended by him, noting therein the proceedings under each, and a register of all official opinions in writing given by him. He shall deliver to his successor the registers, papers, documents, books, and other property belonging to his office.

HISTORY: 1953 H 1, eff. 10-1-53  
GC 351

#### CROSS REFERENCES

See Baldwin's Ohio School Law, Text 3.03

## CHARITABLE TRUSTS

### 109.23 Definition of charitable trust; application

As used in sections 109.23 to 109.33 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Charitable trust" means any fiduciary relationship with respect to property arising under the law of this state or of another jurisdiction as a result of a manifestation of intention to create it, and subjecting the person by whom the property is held to fiduciary duties to deal with the property within this state for any charitable, religious, or educational purpose.

(B) "Charitable trust" includes the fiduciary relationship, the entity serving as trustee, the status as trustee, the corpus of such trust, or a combination of any or all of such meanings, regardless of the primary meaning of any use of the term, that is necessary in any circumstances to effect the purposes of such sections.

(C) An executor, administrator, guardian, or other conservator of the estate of a decedent, incompetent, or other similarly protected person is, when holding assets in which a charitable trust has a vested or contingent interest and to the extent that such sections are not clearly inapplicable, to be considered a fiduciary of a charitable trust.

(D) The fact that any person sought to be charged with fiduciary duties is a corporation, association, foundation, or any other type of organization that has, under judicial decisions or other statutes, been distinguished from a charitable trust does not provide a presumption against its being a charitable trust as defined in this section.

HISTORY: 1975 H 347, eff. 11-19-75  
125 v 351

Note: In addition to those types of charitable trusts with registration requirements previously recognized, registration will be required of all charitable corporations operating in this state which have been or will be filing Forms 990A with the Internal Revenue Service. Interpretation of Attorney General, March 30, 1960, reported at 33 Ohio Bar 502 (1960).

#### CROSS REFERENCES

See Merrick-Rippner Ohio Probate Law (3rd Ed.), Text 4.02, 229.10

See Baldwin's Ohio Legal Forms, Text 1339

Rehabilitation and correction, adult parole authority, per diem maintenance for parolees, probationers, and furlougees, OAC 5120:1-3-01

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OJur 3d: 14, Charities § 4, 22

Am Jur 2d: 15, Charities § 80, 81, 118

Right of attorney general to intervene in will contest case involving charitable trust, 74 ALR2d 1066

### 109.231 Administration of private foundation or split-interest trust

(A) In the administration of any trust which is a "private foundation" as defined in section 509 of the internal revenue code of 1954, a trust for charitable purposes described in section 4947 (a) (1) of the internal revenue code of 1954 to the extent that it is treated for federal tax purposes as such a private foundation, or a "split-interest trust" as described in section 4947 (a) (2) of the internal revenue code of 1954, the following acts are prohibited:

(1) Engaging in any act of "self-dealing," as defined in section 4941 (d) of the internal revenue code of 1954, which would give rise to any liability for any tax imposed by section 4941 of the internal revenue code of 1954;

(2) Retaining any "excess business holdings," as defined in section 4943 (c) of the internal revenue code of 1954, which would give rise to any liability for any tax imposed by section 4943 of the internal revenue code of 1954;

(3) Making any investments which would jeopardize the carrying out of any of the exempt purposes of the trust, within the meaning of section 4944 of the internal revenue code of 1954, so as to give rise to any liability for any tax imposed by section 4944 of the internal revenue code of 1954; or

(4) Making any "taxable expenditures," as defined in section 4945 (d) of the internal revenue code of 1954, which would give rise to any liability for any tax imposed by section 4945 of the internal revenue code of 1954. The prohibitions of this division do not apply to split-interest trusts, or to amounts thereof, to the extent that such prohibitions are inapplicable thereto by reason of section 4947 of the internal revenue code of 1954.

(B) In the administration of any trust which is a "private foundation" as defined in section 509 of the internal revenue code of 1954, or a trust for charitable purposes described in section 4947 (a) (1) of the internal revenue code of 1954 to the extent that it is treated for federal tax purposes as such a private foundation, there shall, for the purposes specified in the governing instrument, be distributed at such time and in such manner, for each taxable year, amounts of income and principal at least sufficient to avoid liability for any tax imposed by section 4942 of the internal revenue code of 1954.

(C) Divisions (A) and (B) of this section express the continuing policy of this state with respect to charitable trust interests and are enacted to assist such trusts in maintaining various tax benefits extended to them, and apply to all trusts described therein, whether or not contrary to the provisions of the governing instrument of such a trust, provided that divisions (A) and (B) of this section do not apply to a trust in existence on the effective date of this section to the extent that the attorney general, the trustor, or any beneficiary of such trust, on or before November 30, 1971, files with the trustee of such trust a written objection to application to such trust of one or more provisions of said divisions, and if the trustee receiving such written objection commences an action on or before December 31, 1971, in the court having jurisdiction over such trust to reform, or to excuse such trust from compliance with, its governing instrument or any other instrument in order to meet the requirements of said divisions. A trustee receiving such written objection shall commence such an action, and the one or more provisions of said divisions specified in such written objection will not apply to such trust unless and until said court determines that their application to such trust is in the best interests of all parties in interest.

(D) No trustee of a trust to which division (A) or (B) of this section is applicable shall be surcharged for a violation of a prohibition or requirement of said divisions, unless he participated in such violation knowing that it was a violation, nor shall such trustee be surcharged if such violation was not willful and was due to reasonable cause, provided that this division does not exonerate a trustee from any responsibility or liability to which he is subject under any other rule of law whether or not duplicated in division (A) or (B) of this section.

(E) As used in this section, "trust" includes a trust or any other organization, other than a corporation, which is a "private foundation" as defined in section 509 of the internal revenue code of 1954, and "trustee" includes any member of the governing body of such organization.

(F) Except as provided in division (D) of this section, nothing in this section impairs the rights and

powers of the courts or the attorney general of this state with respect to any trust.

**HISTORY:** 1971 S 198, eff. 9-17-71

**CROSS REFERENCES**

Rehabilitation and correction, adult parole authority, per diem maintenance for parolees, probationers, and furloughees, OAC 5120:1-3-01

OJur 3d: 14, Charities § 3

**109.232 Amendment of trust to conform to federal law; approval**

(A) The governing instrument of a trust described in division (A) of section 109.231 of the Revised Code may be amended to permit the trust to acquire the characteristics of a trust described in section 664 (D) (1) or (2) of the internal revenue code of 1954, or to conform to the requirements of, or to obtain benefits available under, section 507, 508, or 509 of the internal revenue code of 1954. Such amendment may be made by the trustee with the approval of the attorney general, of the trustor, and, if one or more beneficiaries are named in the governing instrument of such trust, of each named beneficiary. If the trustor is not then living or is not then competent to give such approval, such amendment may be made by the trustee with the approval of the attorney general and, if one or more beneficiaries are named in the governing instrument of such trust, of each named beneficiary. If one or more of said required approvals is not obtained, the trustee may apply to the court having jurisdiction over such trust for approval of such amendment. Said governing instrument may also be amended in any respect and by any method set forth therein or as otherwise provided by law.

(B) Nothing in this section impairs the rights and powers of the courts or the attorney general of this state with respect to any trust.

(C) For the purposes of sections 109.231 and 109.232 of the Revised Code, all references to sections of the internal revenue code of 1954 include all amendments or reenactments thereof.

**HISTORY:** 1972 S 533, eff. 7-15-72  
1971 S 198

**CROSS REFERENCES**

See Baldwin's Ohio Legal Forms, Text 1339

Rehabilitation and correction, adult parole authority, per diem maintenance for parolees, probationers, and furloughees, OAC 5120:1-3-01

OJur 3d: 14, Charities § 3

**109.24 Enforcement**

The powers of the attorney general under sections 109.23 to 109.33 of the Revised Code shall be in

addition to and not in limitation of his powers held at common law. The attorney general may investigate transactions and relationships of trustees of a charitable trust for the purpose of determining whether or not the property held for charitable, religious, or educational purposes has been and is being properly administered in accordance with fiduciary principles as established by the courts and statutes of this state. The attorney general is empowered to require the production of any books or papers which are relevant to the inquiry. Each such request shall be in writing, and shall:

(A) Identify the person to whom the request is directed;

(B) State the specific purpose of the investigation;

(C) Describe any books and the papers to be produced with such definiteness and certainty as to permit such material to be fairly identified;

(D) Prescribe a return date which will provide at least ten days' notice within which the books or papers to be produced may be assembled;

(E) State the place where and the time within which any books or papers are to be produced, provided, however, that copies of such books and papers may be produced in lieu of the originals.

No request shall contain any requirement which would be held to be unreasonable or oppressive or which would be privileged from disclosure if contained in a subpoena duces tecum issued by a court of this state pursuant to the Rules of Civil Procedure, as amended. Where the production of documents required by the request would be unduly burdensome, the person upon whom the request is served shall, in lieu of producing such books or papers at the place designated in the request, make such books or papers available for inspection, copying, or reproduction at the place where such books or papers are kept.

Whenever a request fails to meet the requirements enumerated in this section, any person upon whom the request is served may file a petition to quash such request in the court of common pleas of the county in which the trust, institution, association, or corporation has its principal place of business in this state. The petition shall contain a brief statement of facts entitling such person to have such requests quashed. No answer to such petition is required. Upon the filing of the petition, the court on motion of the petitioner shall enter an order fixing a date for hearing the petition and requiring that a copy of the petition and a notice of the filing and of the date for hearing be given to the attorney general or his assistant in the manner in which summons is required to be served or substituted services required to be made in other cases. On the day fixed for hearing on the petition, the court shall determine from the petition and from such evidence as is submitted by either party whether the person upon whom the request was served is entitled to have the request quashed. The proceeding shall be a special proceeding within the meaning of

section 2505.02 of the Revised Code, and final orders therein may be vacated, modified, or reversed as provided in sections 2505.01 to 2505.45 of the Revised Code.

The attorney general shall institute and prosecute a proper action to enforce the performance of any charitable trust, and to restrain the abuse thereof whenever he deems such action advisable or if directed to do so by the governor, the supreme court, the general assembly, or either house thereof. Such action may be brought in his own name, on behalf of the state, or in the name of a beneficiary of the trust, in the court of common pleas of any county wherein the trust property or any part thereof is situated or invested, or where the trustee resides; provided that in the case of a charitable trust created by, arising as a result of, or funded by a will, such action may be brought in either the court of common pleas of any such county, or the probate division thereof, at the election of the attorney general. No such action shall abate or discontinue by virtue of the discontinuance in office of the attorney general in whose name such actions may be brought. This section is intended to allow the attorney general full discretion concerning the manner in which the action is to be prosecuted, including the authority to settle an action when he considers that advisable.

HISTORY: 1975 H 347, eff. 11-19-75  
125 v 351

#### CROSS REFERENCES

Rehabilitation and correction, adult parole authority, per diem maintenance for parolees, probationers, and furloughees, OAC 5120:1-3-01

Charitable trusts, representation by attorney general, 2109.34, 2307.131

Commencement of action, venue, where proper, Civ R 3(B)

OJur 3d: 14, Charities § 4, 33, 35

Am Jur 2d: 15, Charities § 106, 139, 144 to 146

Retention of private counsel by trustees of public charitable trust. 67 ALR2d 1289

#### 109.25 Service of process on charitable trust

The attorney general is a necessary party to and shall be served with process or with summons by registered mail in all judicial proceedings, the object of which is to:

(A) Terminate a charitable trust or distribute assets;

(B) Depart from the objects or purposes of a charitable trust as the same are set forth in the instrument creating the trust, including any proceeding for the application of the doctrine of cy pres or deviation;

(C) Construe the provisions of an instrument with respect to a charitable trust;

(D) Determine the validity of a will having provisions for a charitable trust.

A judgment rendered in such proceedings without service of process or summons upon the attorney general is void, unenforceable, and shall be set aside upon the attorney general's motion seeking such relief. The attorney general shall intervene in any judicial proceeding affecting a charitable trust when requested to do so by the court having jurisdiction of the proceeding, and may intervene in any judicial proceeding affecting a charitable trust when he determines that the public interest should be protected in such proceeding.

**HISTORY:** 1975 H 347, eff. 11-19-75  
129 v 582; 125 v 351

#### CROSS REFERENCES

See Merrick-Rippner, Ohio Probate Law (3rd Ed.), Text 4.01, 4.04, 97.20, 107.31

Necessary parties to will contest, 2107.73

Attorney general as representative for beneficiaries of charitable trust, 2109.34

Intervention of right, Civ R 24(A)

OJur 3d: 14, Charities § 33, 35; 33, Decedents' Estates § 1203, 1219

Am Jur 2d: 15, Charities § 106, 139, 144 to 146

### **109.26 Registration of charitable trusts; exemptions; duty of trustees**

Except as provided in this section, every charitable trust established or active in this state shall register with the attorney general. The attorney general shall prepare and maintain a register of such charitable trusts. The following charitable trusts are not required to register under this section:

(A) Charitable remainder trusts created after July 31, 1969, gifts to which are deductible for federal income, gift, or estate tax purposes;

(B) Charitable trusts in which all charitable interests are contingent and will vest only upon conditions which have not occurred;

(C) Decedent's estates;

(D) Such other classes of charitable trusts as the attorney general may exempt from registration by regulation pursuant to section 109.27 of the Revised Code.

County or independent agricultural societies organized under Chapter 1711. of the Revised Code are not charitable trusts.

Every charitable trust shall be registered with the attorney general in accordance with this section within six months after the effective date of this section, November 19, 1975, within six months after the creation of such trust, or within six months after occurrence of an event by reason of which such trust is required to register by this section, whichever is later, provided that all registrations of charitable

trusts made prior to November 19, 1975, shall be deemed in full compliance with this section and no further registration shall be required.

No trustee of a charitable trust shall willfully fail to register such charitable trust as required by this section.

**HISTORY:** 1977 H 659, eff. 1-10-78  
1977 H 1; 1975 H 347; 129 v 582; 125 v 351

Note: In addition to those types of charitable trusts with registration requirements previously recognized, registration will be required of all charitable corporations operating in this state which have been or will be filing Forms 990A with the Internal Revenue Service. Interpretation of Attorney General, March 30, 1960, reported at 33 Ohio Bar 502 (1960).

Penalty, 109.99

#### CROSS REFERENCES

Facilities contracting with adult parole authority, OAC 5120:1-3-01

OJur 3d: 14, Charities § 37

Am Jur 2d: 15, Charities § 181, 184

Duty of trustees of charitable trust to furnish information and records to Attorney General relating to trust administration. 86 ALR2d 1375

### **109.27 Rules and regulations concerning information for register**

The attorney general shall make such rules subject to the provisions of sections 119.01 to 119.13 of the Revised Code, as are necessary to administer sections 109.23 to 109.33 of the Revised Code.

**HISTORY:** 1975 H 347, eff. 11-19-75  
125 v 351

#### CROSS REFERENCES

Am Jur 2d: 15, Charities § 181, 184

### **109.28 Inspection of register**

The register established by section 109.26 shall be open to the inspection of any person at such reasonable times and for such legitimate purposes as the attorney general may determine; provided, however, that any investigation of a charitable trust shall not be open to public inspection.

**HISTORY:** 125 v 351, eff. 10-14-53

### **109.29 Probate and common pleas papers relating to charitable trusts**

The clerk of each court of common pleas or the judge of the probate division thereof, and of each court of appeals shall furnish copies of papers and such information as to the records and files of his

office relating to charitable trusts as the attorney general may require.

**HISTORY:** 1975 H 347, eff. 11-19-75  
125 v 351

**CROSS REFERENCES**

OJur 3d: 14, Charities § 33

**109.30 Notice to admit will involving charitable trust to probate**

After admission to probate of a will creating or purporting to create a charitable trust which must be registered under section 109.26 of the Revised Code, or containing a gift valued in excess of one thousand dollars to any charitable trust, notice shall be given to the attorney general as well as to other beneficiaries pursuant to section 2107.19 of the Revised Code. If probate of a will creating or purporting to create any charitable trust is refused by interlocutory order under section 2107.181 of the Revised Code, notice of the further hearing under that section shall be given to the attorney general as well as to the other necessary parties.

**HISTORY:** 1975 H 347, eff. 11-19-75

Note: Former 109.30 repealed by 1975 H 347, eff. 11-19-75; 125 v 351.

**CROSS REFERENCES**

See Merrick-Rippner, Ohio Probate Law (3rd Ed.), Text 59.02

OJur 3d: 14, Charities § 33; 33, Decedents' Estates § 1115

**109.31 Annual report by trustees; exceptions; fees**

Except as otherwise provided by this section, the trustees of a charitable trust required to register under section 109.26 of the Revised Code shall file annual reports, on forms prescribed by the attorney general, on or before the fifteenth day of the fifth month following the close of the trust's taxable year as established for federal tax purposes; or, in lieu of filing such reports, the trustees may file complete copies of all annual federal returns required to be filed by the trust with the Internal Revenue Service for the taxable year, together with all schedules, attachments, and reports due with the return or returns. The federal returns shall be filed with the attorney general at the same time as required by the Internal Revenue Service, taking into account any applicable extension of the federal filing date.

The annual report must be signed by the trustee who is authorized to sign. The annual report shall be considered certified by the trustee and his signature

on the report shall have the same effect as though made under oath.

A charitable trust required to register under section 109.26 of the Revised Code is not required to file the reports required by this section if:

(A) It is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes;

(B) It is an educational institution that normally maintains a regular faculty and curriculum and normally has a regularly organized body of pupils or students in attendance at the place where its educational activities are regularly carried on; or

(C) For any taxable year it has gross receipts of less than five thousand dollars and at the end of which it has gross assets of less than fifteen thousand dollars. The attorney general may, by regulation pursuant to section 109.27 of the Revised Code, exempt other classes of charitable trusts from the requirements of this section.

The attorney general may institute judicial proceedings to secure compliance with this section and to secure the proper administration of any trust or other relationship to which this section applies. The willful failure of any trustee to file reports as required by this section may be grounds for judicial removal of the trustee responsible for such failure.

The attorney general shall charge the following fees for filing the annual report:

Assets	Fee
Less than \$25,000	\$ 0
\$25,000 but less than \$100,000	25
\$100,000 but less than \$500,000	50
\$500,000 or more	100

For the purposes of this section, "assets" refers to the total fair market value of the charitable trust's assets at the end of that trust's taxable year as established for federal tax purposes.

**HISTORY:** 1975 H 347, eff. 11-19-75

Note: Former 109.31 repealed by 1975 H 347, eff. 11-19-75; 125 v 351.

**CROSS REFERENCES**

Facilities contracting with adult parole authority, OAC 5120:1-3-01

OJur 3d: 14, Charities § 37

Am Jur 2d: 15, Charities § 181, 184

Duty of trustees of charitable trust to furnish information and records to attorney general relating to trust administration. 82 ALR2d 1375

**109.32 Charitable foundations fund**

All annual filing fees obtained by the attorney general pursuant to section 109.31 of the Revised Code, and all receipts obtained from the sale of the charitable foundations directory, shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the charitable foundations fund. The charitable foundations fund shall



be used insofar as its moneys are available for the expenses of the charitable foundations section of the office of the attorney general. The expenses of the charitable foundations section in excess of moneys available in the charitable foundations fund shall be paid out of regular appropriations to the office of the attorney general.

**HISTORY:** 1975 H 347, eff. 11-19-75

Note: Former 109.32 repealed by 1975 H 347, eff. 11-19-75; 125 v 351.

**CROSS REFERENCES**

OJur 3d: 14, Charities § 33

**109.33 Assistants, employees, experts; compensation**

The attorney general may appoint, with salaries fixed pursuant to section 124.15 of the Revised Code, such assistants and may employ such stenographers and clerks as may be necessary to carry out sections 109.23 to 109.33 of the Revised Code. The attorney general may also employ experts for assistance in any specific matter at a reasonable rate of compensation.

**HISTORY:** 1977 H 1, eff. 8-26-77  
132 v H 93; 125 v 351

**CROSS REFERENCES**

Am Jur 2d: 7, Attorney General § 3

**REPRESENTATION OF OFFICER  
OR EMPLOYEE**

**109.36 Definitions**

As used in this section and sections 109.361 to 109.366 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Officer or employee" means any person who, at the time a cause of action against him arises, is serving in an elected or appointed office or position with the state; is employed by the state; or is rendering medical, nursing, dental, podiatric, optometric, physical therapeutic, psychiatric, or psychological services pursuant to a personal services contract with a department, agency, or institution of the state. Officer or employee does not include any person elected, appointed, or employed by any political subdivision of the state.

(B) "State" means the state of Ohio, including but not limited to, the general assembly, the supreme court, the offices of all elected state officers, and all departments, boards, offices, commissions, agencies, institutions, and other instrumentalities of the state of Ohio. "State" does not include political subdivisions.

(C) "Political subdivisions" of the state means municipal corporations, townships, counties, school

districts, and all other bodies corporate and politic responsible for governmental activities only in geographical areas smaller than that of the state.

(D) "Employer" means the general assembly, the supreme court, any office of an elected state officer, or any department, board, office, commission, agency, institution, or other instrumentality of the state of Ohio that employs or contracts with an officer or employee or to which an officer or employee is elected or appointed.

**HISTORY:** 1982 S 204, eff. 7-26-82  
1980 S 76

**109.361 Representation of officer or employee**

Upon the receipt of a written request by any officer or employee, the attorney general shall, except as provided in section 109.362 of the Revised Code and except for civil actions in which the state is the plaintiff, represent and defend the officer or employee in any civil action instituted against the officer or employee. All expenses and court costs, including the reasonable compensation of special counsel, incurred by the attorney general in the defense of an officer or employee of the state shall be paid by the employer that employed the officer or employee at the time the alleged act or omission occurred.

The defense of the officer or employee may be rendered by the attorney general, an assistant attorney general, or by any special counsel appointed by the attorney general, who, in addition to providing the defense of the officer or employee, may file counterclaims and cross-claims and engage in third party practice on behalf of the officer or employee. If the officer or employee recovers any money pursuant to any counterclaim or cross-claim filed by the attorney general, the officer or employee shall, to the extent of the recovery on the counterclaim or cross-claim, reimburse the attorney general for all expenses and court costs, including the reasonable compensation of assistant attorneys general and special counsel, incurred by the attorney general in bringing the counterclaim or cross-claim. The officer or employee shall cooperate fully with the attorney general's defense. Sections 109.36 to 109.366 of the Revised Code do not deprive any officer or employee of the right to select counsel of his own choice or settle his case at his own expense at any time, and do not prohibit the attorney general from entering his appearance in a case to protect the interest of the state even though no request for the appearance has been made by the officer or employee.

**HISTORY:** 1980 S 76, eff. 3-13-80

**CROSS REFERENCES**

Public officials and employees, attorney general, powers and duties in regard to, indemnification, 9.87

**109.362 Denial of request**

(A) Prior to undertaking any defense under section 109.361 of the Revised Code, the attorney general shall conduct an investigation of the facts to determine whether the requirements of this section have been met. If the attorney general determines that any officer who holds an elective state office was acting manifestly outside the scope of his official responsibilities or that any other officer or employee was acting manifestly outside the scope of his employment or official responsibilities, with malicious purpose, in bad faith, or in a wanton or reckless manner, the attorney general shall not represent and defend the officer or employee. An initial determination to represent and defend the officer or employee does not prohibit a later determination that the requirements of this section have not been met.

(B) The attorney general shall also deny a request for representation upon a determination that the requesting officer or employee is covered by a policy of insurance purchased by the state requiring the insurer to provide counsel in the action and that the amount of the claim against the officer or employee is not in excess of the amount of coverage under the policy of insurance. If the amount of the claim against the officer or employee is in excess of the amount of coverage under the policy of insurance, the state is not the plaintiff, and the officer or employee is not otherwise prohibited by this section from being represented and defended by the attorney general, the attorney general shall represent and defend the officer or employee for the amount of the claim in excess of the amount of coverage.

(C) If the attorney general denies representation to an employee or officer who makes a request in accordance with the provisions of section 109.361 of the Revised Code, the attorney general shall notify the requesting officer or employee in writing of the denial setting forth the reasons for the denial within a reasonable time after the attorney general's receipt of the written request from the officer or employee.

HISTORY: 1980 S 76, eff. 3-13-80

**109.363 Employer's report**

The employer of the defendant officer or employee shall provide the attorney general with a written report indicating the present or former position, job title, or classification of the officer or employee with the state and, citing pertinent facts, whether in its opinion the officer or employee meets the requirements of section 109.362 of the Revised Code. In addition, the employer shall provide any additional information that is requested by the attorney general.

HISTORY: 1980 S 76, eff. 3-13-80

**109.364 Remedy in court of claims**

If the attorney general denies representation to an officer or employee who made a request for representation under section 109.361 of the Revised Code, the officer or employee may, upon the termination of the action for which he requested the representation, commence an action in the court of claims against the employer pursuant to sections 2743.01 to 2743.20 of the Revised Code for the reasonable expenses incurred in providing his own defense.

An action brought pursuant to this section shall be commenced no later than two years after the cause of action arising under this section accrues. A cause of action arising under this section accrues upon the conclusion of the civil action instituted against the officer or employee for which the attorney general denied the officer's or employee's request for representation if the time for filing an appeal in the action lapses without the filing of an appeal or upon the conclusion of the final appeal in the civil action instituted against the officer or employee for which the attorney general denied the officer's or employee's request for representation if an appeal is filed in the action.

If the court of claims finds that the officer or employee was entitled to have the attorney general represent and defend him under section 109.361 of the Revised Code, the court shall enter judgment against the employer in favor of the officer or employee in the amount of the reasonable expenses incurred by the officer or employee in providing his own defense and in bringing the action authorized by this section. The reasonable expenses may include, but are not limited to, payment of court costs, attorney's fees, investigative costs, and expert witness fees.

HISTORY: 1980 S 76, eff. 3-13-80

**109.365 Information privileged; exceptions**

Information obtained by the attorney general pursuant to his investigation to determine whether to defend an officer or employee is privileged and is not admissible as evidence against the officer or employee in any legal action or proceeding and no reference to the information may be made in any trial or hearing. The decision of the attorney general to defend or not defend an officer or employee is not admissible as evidence in any trial or hearing. This section does not apply to any trial or hearing to determine the right of an officer or employee to reimbursement pursuant to section 109.364 of the Revised Code or to any trial or hearing held as a result of an action filed pursuant to division (F) of section 9.87 of the Revised Code.

HISTORY: 1980 S 76, eff. 3-13-80

**109.366 Rules**

The attorney general may promulgate any rules that are necessary for the implementation of sections 109.36 to 109.366 of the Revised Code.

HISTORY: 1980 S 76, eff. 3-13-80

**OBSCENITY LAWS****109.40 Compilation and distribution of statutes relative to obscenity laws**

The attorney general shall compile all statutes relative to obscenity in a convenient pamphlet or paper and may distribute this compilation, without charge, to such sheriffs, police chiefs, county prosecutors, city prosecutors, mayors, constables, judges of the courts of common pleas, county court judges, municipal judges, and other interested parties, as may request such distribution, and make available a reasonable number of such compilations to fill such requests.

The attorney general shall, from time to time, supplement and keep the compilation current and he may, upon request, distribute such supplemental material in the manner provided in this section.

HISTORY: 128 v 554, eff. 11-5-59

**CROSS REFERENCES**

OJur 3d: 28, Criminal Law § 1866

**AGENT IN ESCHEAT****109.41 Agent in certain escheat matters**

Whenever any state begins procedure to escheat property of any person who is an Ohio citizen, corporation, firm, or resident, or whose last known address was in Ohio, on the ground that the property has been abandoned, or on any other grounds, the attorney general may, after making diligent effort to notify the owner of the property and failing in the same, act as attorney in fact for the Ohio owner to claim the property. Upon taking custody of the property, the attorney general shall deposit same in the general fund of Ohio, or if the property be in kind, the attorney general shall cause the same to be sold pursuant to section 2113.40 of the Revised Code, and deposit the proceeds of the sale in the general fund. Claims to the property shall thereafter be made in the manner provided for in Chapter 2743. of the Revised Code.

HISTORY: 1974 H 800, eff. 1-1-75  
129 v 497

**CROSS REFERENCES**

Am Jur 2d: 27, Escheat § 46

**BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATION****109.51 Creation of bureau of criminal identification and investigation**

There is hereby created in the office of the attorney general, a bureau of criminal identification and investigation to be located at the site of the London correctional institution. The attorney general shall appoint a superintendent of said bureau. The superintendent shall appoint, with the approval of the attorney general, such assistants as are necessary to carry out the functions and duties of the bureau as contained in sections 109.51 to 109.63, inclusive, of the Revised Code.

HISTORY: 130 v H 263, eff. 9-24-63

**CROSS REFERENCES**

OJur 2d: 49, Sheriffs, Marshals, and Constables § 19  
OJur 3d: 25, Criminal Law § 89

**109.52 Criminal analysis laboratory; investigators and technicians**

The bureau of criminal identification and investigation may operate and maintain a criminal analysis laboratory and mobile units thereof, create a staff of investigators and technicians skilled in the solution and control of crimes and criminal activity, keep statistics and other necessary data, assist in the prevention of crime, and engage in such other activities as will aid law enforcement officers in solving crimes and controlling criminal activity.

HISTORY: 130 v H 263, eff. 9-24-63

**CROSS REFERENCES**

OJur 3d: 25, Criminal Law § 89

**109.53 Equipment and furnishings of the bureau**

The bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall be supplied with furniture, fixtures, apparatus, vehicles, and materials necessary to carry out the functions and duties of the bureau as contained in sections 109.51 to 109.63, inclusive, of the Revised Code.

HISTORY: 130 v H 263, eff. 9-24-63

**CROSS REFERENCES**

OJur 3d: 25, Criminal Law § 89

**109.54 Intergovernmental cooperation; drug investigations**

The bureau of criminal identification and investigation may investigate any criminal activity in this state which is of statewide or intercounty concern when requested by local authorities and may aid federal authorities, when requested, in their investigation of any criminal activity in this state. On and after July 1, 1971, the bureau may investigate any criminal activity in this state involving drug abuse or illegal drug distribution prohibited under Chapter 3719. or 4729. of the Revised Code.

The bureau may provide such trained investigative personnel and specialized equipment as may be requested by any sheriff, chief of police, or other law officer to aid and assist such officer in the investigation and solution of any crime or the control of any criminal activity occurring within his jurisdiction. This assistance shall be furnished by the bureau without disturbing or impairing any of the existing law enforcement authority or the prerogatives of local law enforcement authorities or officers. Investigators provided pursuant to this section, or engaged in an investigation pursuant to section 109.83 of the Revised Code, may go armed in the same manner as sheriffs and regularly appointed police officers under section 2923.01 of the Revised Code.

**HISTORY:** 1970 H 956, eff. 9-16-70  
130 v H 263

## CROSS REFERENCES

OJur 3d: 25, Criminal Law § 89; 29, Criminal Law § 2277

**109.55 Coordination of law enforcement activities**

The superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall recommend co-operative policies for the co-ordination of the law enforcement work and crime prevention activities of all state and local agencies and officials having law enforcement duties to promote co-operation between such agencies and officials, to secure effective and efficient law enforcement, to eliminate duplication of work, and to promote economy of operation in such agencies.

**HISTORY:** 130 v H 263, eff. 9-24-63

## CROSS REFERENCES

OJur 3d: 25, Criminal Law § 89

**109.56 Training local law enforcement authorities**

The bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall, where practicable, assist in training local

law enforcement officers in crime prevention, detection, and solution when requested by local authorities, and, where practicable, furnish instruction to sheriffs, chiefs of police, and other law officers in the establishment of efficient local bureaus of identification in their districts.

**HISTORY:** 130 v H 263, eff. 9-24-63

## CROSS REFERENCES

OJur 3d: 25, Criminal Law § 89

**109.57 Duties of the superintendent of the bureau**

(A) The superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall procure and file for record photographs, pictures, descriptions, fingerprints, measurements, and such other information as may be pertinent, of all persons who have been convicted of a felony or any crime constituting a misdemeanor on the first offense and a felony on subsequent offenses, within the state, and of all well known and habitual criminals, from wherever procurable. The person in charge of any state correctional institution and the person in charge of any state institution having custody of a person suspected of having committed a felony or any crime constituting a misdemeanor on the first offense and a felony on subsequent offenses, shall furnish such material to the superintendent of the bureau upon request. Fingerprints, photographs, or other descriptive information of a child under eighteen years of age shall not be procured by the superintendent or furnished by any person in charge of any state correctional institution, except as may be authorized in section 2151.313 of the Revised Code. Every court of record in this state shall send to the superintendent of the bureau a weekly report containing a summary of each case involving a felony or any crime constituting a misdemeanor on the first offense and a felony on subsequent offenses. Such summary shall include the style and number of the case, the dates of arrest, commencement of trial, and conviction, a statement of the offense and the conduct which constituted it, and the sentence or terms of probation imposed, or other disposition of the offender. The superintendent shall cooperate with and assist sheriffs, chiefs of police, and other law officers in the establishment of a complete system of criminal identification and in obtaining fingerprints and other means of identification of all persons arrested on charge of felony or any crime constituting a misdemeanor on the first offense and a felony on subsequent offenses. He shall also file for record the fingerprint impressions of all persons confined in any workhouse, jail, reformatory, or penitentiary, for the violation of state laws, and such other information as he may receive from law enforcement officials of the state and its subdivisions.

The superintendent shall carry out sections 2950.01 to 2950.08 of the Revised Code, in regard to the registration of habitual sex offenders.

(B) The superintendent shall prepare and furnish to every state penal and reformatory institution and to every court of record in this state standard forms for reporting the information required under division (A) of this section.

(C) The superintendent may operate a center for electronic, automated, or other data processing for the storage and retrieval of information, data, and statistics pertaining to criminals, criminal activity, crime prevention, law enforcement, and criminal justice, and may establish and operate a statewide communications network to gather and disseminate information, data, and statistics for the use of law enforcement agencies.

(D) The information and materials furnished to the superintendent pursuant to division (A) of this section are not public records under section 149.43 of the Revised Code.

(E) The attorney general shall adopt rules, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, setting forth the procedure by which a person may receive or release information gathered by the superintendent pursuant to division (A) of this section. A reasonable fee may be charged for this service.

**HISTORY:** 1984 H 235, eff. 6-7-84  
1980 H 736; 1977 H 1; 1970 H 956; 130 v S 160, H 263

**CROSS REFERENCES**

Crime statistics, compilation by prosecuting attorney, 309.15

OJur 3d: 25, Criminal Law § 89  
Am Jur 2d: 21, Criminal Law § 799, 1020

**109.571 Law enforcement communications committee created; duties**

(A) There is hereby created a law enforcement communications committee, consisting of the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation as chairman, and four members appointed by the superintendent to serve at his pleasure, one each of whom shall be a representative of the office of budget and management, the division of state highway patrol, the county sheriffs, and the chiefs of police.

(B) The committee shall meet at least once every six months, or more often upon call of the superintendent or the written request of any two members. Committee members shall receive no compensation for their services as such, but are entitled to their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of committee duties, as determined by the state employees compensation board.

(C) The committee shall aid and encourage coordination and cooperation among law enforcement agencies in the operation and utilization of data processing facilities and equipment, and a statewide law enforcement communications network.

**HISTORY:** 1973 S 174, eff. 12-4-73  
1970 H 956

**CROSS REFERENCES**

OJur 3d: 25, Criminal Law § 91

**109.58 Superintendent shall prepare a standard fingerprint impression sheet**

The superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall prepare standard impression sheets on which fingerprints may be made in accordance with the fingerprint system of identification. Such sheets may provide for other descriptive matter which the superintendent may prescribe. Such sheets shall be furnished to each sheriff, chief of police, and person in charge of every workhouse, reformatory, or penitentiary within the state.

**HISTORY:** 130 v H 263, eff. 9-24-63

**CROSS REFERENCES**

OJur 3d: 25, Criminal Law § 89

**109.59 Fingerprint impression and descriptive measurement records**

The sheriff, chief of police, or other person in charge of each prison, workhouse, reformatory, or penitentiary shall send to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, on forms furnished by the superintendent of such bureau, such fingerprint impressions and other descriptive measurements which the superintendent may require. Such information shall be filed, classified, and preserved by the bureau.

**HISTORY:** 130 v H 263, eff. 9-24-63

**CROSS REFERENCES**

OJur 3d: 25, Criminal Law § 90

**109.60 Duty of sheriffs and chiefs of police to take fingerprints; report; exception**

The sheriffs of the several counties and the chiefs of police of cities shall immediately upon the arrest of any person for any felony, on suspicion of any felony, or for a crime constituting a misdemeanor on the first offense and a felony on subsequent offenses, take his fingerprints, or cause the same to be taken, according to the fingerprint system of identification on the forms furnished by the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, and for-

ward them, together with such other descriptions<sup>1</sup> as may be required and with the history of the offense committed, to the bureau to be classified and filed. Should any accused be found not guilty of the offense charged or a nolle prosequi entered in any case, then the fingerprints and description shall be given to the accused upon his request. The superintendent shall compare the descriptions received with those already on file in the bureau, and if he finds that the person arrested has a criminal record or is a fugitive from justice or wanted by any jurisdiction in this or any other state or the United States or a foreign country for any offense, he shall at once inform the arresting officer of such fact and give appropriate notice to the proper authorities in the jurisdiction in which such person is wanted, or, if such jurisdiction is a foreign country, give appropriate notice to federal authorities for transmission to such foreign country. The names, under which each person whose identification is thus filed is known, shall be alphabetically indexed by the superintendent.

This section does not apply to a violator of a city ordinance unless the officers have reason to believe that such person is a past offender, or the crime is one constituting a misdemeanor on the first offense and a felony on subsequent offenses, or unless it is advisable for the purpose of subsequent identification. This section does not apply to any child under eighteen years of age, except as provided in section 2151.313 of the Revised Code.

**HISTORY:** 1977 S 170, eff. 11-16-77  
1970 H 956; 130 v H 263

<sup>1</sup>Prior and current versions differ although no amendment to this language was indicated in 1977 S 170; "descriptions" appeared as "description" in 1970 H 956.

CROSS REFERENCES

OJur 2d: 49, Sheriffs, Marshals, and Constables § 19  
OJur 3d: 25, Criminal Law § 90

**109.61 Descriptions, fingerprints, and photographs sent to bureau by sheriffs and chiefs of police**

Each sheriff or chief of police shall furnish the bureau of criminal identification and investigation with descriptions, fingerprints, photographs, and measurements of:

(A) Persons arrested who in such police official's judgment are wanted for serious offenses, are fugitives from justice, or in whose possession at the time of arrest are found goods or property reasonably believed to have been stolen;

(B) All persons in whose possession are found burglar outfits, burglar tools, or burglar keys, or who have in their possession high power explosives reasonably believed to be intended to be used for unlawful purposes;

(C) Persons who are in possession of infernal machines or other contrivances in whole or in part and reasonably believed by said sheriffs or chiefs of police to be intended to be used for unlawful purposes;

(D) All persons carrying concealed firearms or other deadly weapons reasonably believed to be carried for unlawful purposes;

(E) All persons who have in their possession inks, dies, paper, or other articles necessary in the making of counterfeit bank notes, or in the alteration of bank notes, or dies, molds, or other articles necessary in the making of counterfeit money and reasonably believed to be intended to be used by them for such unlawful purposes.

**HISTORY:** 130 v H 263, eff. 9-24-63

CROSS REFERENCES

OJur 3d: 25, Criminal Law § 90

**109.62 Interstate, national, and international cooperation**

The superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall co-operate with bureaus in other states and with the federal bureau of investigation to develop and carry on a complete interstate, national, and international system of criminal identification and investigation.

**HISTORY:** 130 v H 263, eff. 9-24-63

CROSS REFERENCES

OJur 3d: 25, Criminal Law § 89

**109.63 Superintendent and assistants may testify in court**

The superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation and his assistants employed in accordance with section 109.51 of the Revised Code may testify in any court in this state to the same extent as any law-enforcement officer in this state.

**HISTORY:** 130 v H 263, eff. 9-24-63

CROSS REFERENCES

OJur 3d: 25, Criminal Law § 89

**OHIO PEACE OFFICER TRAINING COUNCIL**

**109.71 Creation of Ohio peace officer training council; members; definition of "peace officer"**

There is hereby created in the office of the attorney general the Ohio peace officer training council.

The council shall consist of nine members who shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate, and be selected as follows: one member representing the public; two members who are incumbent sheriffs; two members who are incumbent chiefs of police; one member from the bureau of criminal identification and investigation; one member from the state highway patrol; one member who is the special agent in charge of a field office of the federal bureau of investigation in this state; and one member from the state department of education, trade and industrial education services, law enforcement training.

As used in sections 109.71 to 109.77 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Peace officer" means:

(1) A deputy sheriff, marshal, deputy marshal, member of the organized police department of a municipal corporation, or township constable, who is commissioned and employed as a peace officer by a political subdivision of this state, and whose primary duties are to preserve the peace, to protect life and property, and to enforce the laws of Ohio, ordinances of a municipal corporation, or regulations of a board of county commissioners or board of township trustees, or any such laws, ordinances, or regulations;

(2) A policeman who is employed by a railroad company and appointed and commissioned by the governor pursuant to sections 4973.17 to 4973.22 of the Revised Code;

(3) Employees of the department of taxation engaged in the enforcement of Chapter 5743. of the Revised Code, and designated by the tax commissioner for peace officer training for purposes of the delegation of investigation powers under section 5743.45 of the Revised Code;

(4) An undercover drug agent.

(B) "Undercover drug agent" has the same meaning as in division (B)(2) of section 109.79 of the Revised Code.

**HISTORY:** 1981 H 44, eff. 5-8-81  
1977 S 141; 1976 S 272; 1969 H 111, H 575; 131 v H 363

#### CROSS REFERENCES

See Baldwin's Ohio Township Law, Text 99.02  
See Gotherman & Babbit, Ohio Municipal Law, Text 13.32; Forms 77.04 (517.01(y))

Ohio peace officers basic training program, OAC 109:2-1 to 109:2-3

Peace officer training council, examination, OAC 109:2-1-10

Security personnel for licensed bingo games, definition, 2915.01

OJur 2d: 43A, Police § 4

#### 109.72 Membership; appointment; term; meetings; expenses

Ohio peace officer training council member terms shall be for three years, commencing on the twentieth day of September and ending on the nineteenth day of September. Each member shall hold office from the date of his appointment until the end of the term for which he was appointed. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was appointed shall hold office for the remainder of such term. Any member shall continue in office subsequent to the expiration date of his term until his successor takes office, or until a period of sixty days has elapsed, whichever occurs first. An interim chairman shall be appointed by the governor until such time as the council elects a permanent chairman.

Any member of the council appointed pursuant to section 109.71 of the Revised Code as an incumbent sheriff, incumbent chief of police, representative of the state highway patrol, state department of education, federal bureau of investigation, and bureau of criminal identification and investigation, shall immediately, upon termination of his holding such office, cease to be a member of the council, and a successor shall be appointed.

The council shall meet at least four times each year. Special meetings may be called by the chairman and shall be called by him at the request of the attorney general or upon the written request of five members of the council. The council may establish its own requirements as to quorum and its own procedures with respect to the conduct of its meetings and other affairs; provided, that all recommendations by the council to the attorney general pursuant to section 109.74 of the Revised Code shall require the affirmative vote of five members of the council.

Membership on the council does not constitute the holding of an office, and members of the council shall not be required to take and file oaths of office before serving on the council. The council shall not exercise any portion of the sovereign power of the state.

The members of the council shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

No member of the council shall be disqualified from holding any public office or employment, nor shall he forfeit any such office or employment, by reason of his appointment to the council, notwithstanding any general, special, or local law, ordinance, or city charter to the contrary.

**HISTORY:** 1973 S 131, eff. 8-21-73  
131 v H 363

#### CROSS REFERENCES

OJur 2d: 43A, Police § 4

**109.73 Powers and duties**

(A) The Ohio peace officer training council may recommend rules to the attorney general with respect to:

(1) The approval, or revocation of approval, of peace officer training schools administered by the state, counties, municipal corporations, public school districts, and technical college districts;

(2) Minimum courses of study, attendance requirements, and equipment and facilities to be required at approved state, county, and municipal peace officer training schools;

(3) Minimum qualifications for instructors at approved state, county, and municipal peace officer training schools;

(4) The requirements of minimum basic training that peace officers appointed to probationary terms shall complete before being eligible for permanent appointment, which requirements shall include a minimum of fifteen hours of training in the handling of domestic disputes, and the time within which such basic training shall be completed following such appointment to a probationary term;

(5) The requirements of minimum basic training that peace officers not appointed for probationary terms but appointed on other than a permanent basis shall complete in order to be eligible for continued employment or permanent appointment, which requirements shall include a minimum of fifteen hours of training in the handling of domestic disputes, and the time within which such basic training shall be completed following such appointment on a non-permanent basis;

(6) Categories or classifications of advanced in-service training programs for peace officers, including programs in the handling of domestic disputes, and minimum courses of study and attendance requirements with respect to such categories or classifications;

(7) Permitting persons appointed and commissioned as railroad policemen pursuant to sections 4973.17 to 4973.22 of the Revised Code to attend approved peace officer training schools, including the Ohio peace officer training academy, and to receive certificates of satisfactory completion of basic training programs, if the railroad companies sponsoring the policemen pay the entire cost of the training and certification and if trainee vacancies are available;

(8) Permitting undercover drug agents to attend approved peace officer training schools, other than the Ohio peace officer training academy, and to receive certificates of satisfactory completion of basic training programs, if, for each undercover drug agent, the county, township, or municipal corporation that employs that undercover drug agent pays the entire cost of the training and certification.

(B) The council shall appoint an executive director, with the approval of the attorney general, who

shall hold office during the pleasure of the council. The executive director shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the council. He shall receive a salary fixed pursuant to Chapter 124. of the Revised Code, and reimbursement for expenses within the amounts available by appropriation. The executive director may appoint such officers, employees, agents, and consultants as he considers necessary, prescribe their duties, and provide for reimbursement of their expenses within the amounts available for reimbursement by appropriation and with the approval of the council.

(C) The council may:

(1) Recommend studies, surveys, and reports to be made by the executive director regarding the carrying out of the objectives and purposes of sections 109.71 to 109.77 of the Revised Code;

(2) Visit and inspect any peace officer training school that has been approved by the executive director or for which an application for approval has been made;

(3) Make recommendations, from time to time, to the executive director, the attorney general, and the general assembly, regarding the carrying out of the purposes of sections 109.71 to 109.77 of the Revised Code;

(4) Report to the attorney general from time to time, and to the governor and the general assembly at least annually, concerning the activities of the council;

(5) Perform such other acts as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the powers and duties of the council as set forth in sections 109.71 to 109.77 of the Revised Code.

**HISTORY:** 1981 H 44, eff. 5-8-81

1978 H 835; 1976 S 272; 1971 S 396; 132 v H 93; 131 v H 363

**CROSS REFERENCES**

Ohio peace officers basic training program, OAC 109:2-1 to 109:2-3

OJur 2d: 43A. Police § 4

**109.74 Promulgation of rules and regulations by attorney general**

The attorney general, in his discretion, may in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, adopt and promulgate any or all of the rules and regulations recommended by the Ohio peace officer training council to the attorney general pursuant to section 109.73 of the Revised Code. When the attorney general promulgates any rule or regulation recommended by the council, he shall transmit a certified copy thereof to the secretary of state.

**HISTORY:** 131 v H 363, eff. 9-6-65



## CROSS REFERENCES

Ohio peace officers basic training program, OAC 109:2-1 to 109:2-3

OJur 2d: 43A, Police § 4

**109.75 Executive director**

The executive director of the Ohio peace officer training council, on behalf of the council, shall have the following powers and duties, which shall be exercised with the general advice of the council and only in accordance with section 109.751 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted pursuant to that section, and with the rules adopted by the attorney general pursuant to section 109.74 of the Revised Code:

(A) To approve peace officer training schools administered by the state, counties, and municipal corporations, to issue certificates of approval to approved schools, and to revoke an approval or certificate;

(B) To certify, as qualified, instructors at approved peace officer training schools and to issue appropriate certificates to these instructors;

(C) To certify peace officers who have satisfactorily completed basic training programs and to issue appropriate certificates to these peace officers;

(D) To cause studies and surveys to be made relating to the establishment, operation, and approval of state, county, and municipal peace officer training schools;

(E) To consult and cooperate with state, county, and municipal peace officer training schools for the development of advanced in-service training programs for peace officers;

(F) To consult and cooperate with universities, colleges, and institutes for the development of specialized courses of study in the state for peace officers in police science and police administration;

(G) To consult and cooperate with other departments and agencies of the state and federal government concerned with peace officer training;

(H) To perform such other acts as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out his powers and duties as set forth in sections 109.71 to 109.77 of the Revised Code;

(I) To report to the council at each regular meeting of the council and at such other times as may be required.

HISTORY: 1981 H 44, eff. 5-8-81  
131 v H 363

## CROSS REFERENCES

See Baldwin's Ohio Township Law, Text 21.01, 99.04

Peace officer basic training program, OAC 109:2-1-03 et seq.

Traffic laws, power of arrest for violations on state highways, 4513.39

OJur 2d: 43A, Police § 4

**109.751 Approval of schools; attendance of undercover drug agents**

(A) The executive director of the Ohio peace officer training council shall not approve, or issue a certificate of approval to, a peace officer training school pursuant to section 109.75 of the Revised Code unless the school agrees to permit, in accordance with rules adopted by the attorney general pursuant to division (C) of this section, undercover drug agents to attend its basic training programs. The executive director shall revoke his approval, and the certificate of approval of, a peace officer training school that does not permit, in accordance with rules adopted by the attorney general pursuant to division (C) of this section, undercover drug agents to attend its basic training programs.

(B) A peace officer training school is not required to permit an undercover drug agent to attend its basic training programs if:

(1) In the case of the Ohio peace officer training academy, the employer county, township, or municipal corporation or particular undercover drug agent has not paid the tuition costs of training in accordance with section 109.79 of the Revised Code;

(2) In the case of other peace officer training schools, the employer county, township, or municipal corporation fails to pay the entire cost of the training and certification.

(C) The attorney general shall adopt, in accordance with Chapter 119. or pursuant to section 109.74 of the Revised Code, rules governing the attendance of undercover drug agents at approved peace officer training schools, other than the Ohio peace officer training academy, and the certification of the agents upon their satisfactory completion of basic training programs.

HISTORY: 1981 H 44, eff. 5-8-81

## CROSS REFERENCES

Ohio peace officers basic training program, OAC 109:2-1 to 109:2-3

**109.76 Construction of act**

Nothing in sections 109.71 to 109.77 of the Revised Code shall be construed to except any peace officer, or other officer or employee from the provisions of Chapter 124. of the Revised Code.

HISTORY: 1977 H 1, eff. 8-26-77  
131 v H 363

## CROSS REFERENCES

OJur 2d: 43A, Police § 4

**109.77 Certificate necessary for appointment; prohibition**

(A) Notwithstanding any general, special, or local law or charter to the contrary, no person shall, after January 1, 1966, receive an original appointment on a permanent basis as a peace officer of any county, township, or municipal corporation, or as a state university law enforcement officer unless the person has previously been awarded a certificate by the executive director of the Ohio peace officer training council, attesting to his satisfactory completion of an approved state, county, or municipal police basic training program; and every person who is appointed on a temporary basis or for a probationary term or on other than a permanent basis as a peace officer of any county, township, or municipal corporation, shall forfeit his position as such unless he previously has satisfactorily completed, or within the time prescribed by rules promulgated by the attorney general pursuant to section 109.74 of the Revised Code, satisfactorily completes a state, county, or municipal peace officer basic training school program for temporary or probationary officers and is awarded a certificate by such director attesting thereto. No peace officer shall have his employment terminated and then be reinstated with intent to circumvent this section.

(B) No person shall serve as a peace officer of a county, township, or municipal corporation, unless he has received at least fifteen hours of his total basic training in the handling of domestic dispute problems from an approved state, county, township, or municipal police basic training program. This division does not apply to any person serving as a peace officer on March 27, 1979.

This section does not apply to any member of the police department of a municipal corporation in an adjoining state serving in Ohio under a contract pursuant to section 737.04 of the Revised Code.

**HISTORY:** 1982 H 738, eff. 6-25-82  
1978 H 835, H 588; 1969 H 575; 131 v H 363

**CROSS REFERENCES**

See Baldwin's Ohio Township Law, Text 21.01, 21.03, 21.17, 23.01, 23.16, 97.10

See Gotherman & Babbit, Ohio Municipal Law, Text 13.32

Ohio peace officers basic training program, OAC 109:2-1 to 109:2-3

Deputy sheriff defined, 145.01

Rules, regulation and appointment of township police officers, 505.49

Townships, constables, suspension or removal, compensation, 509.01

Memorial buildings, halls, parks; law enforcement, 511.232

State university law enforcement officers, appointment, 3345.04

OJur 2d: 43A, Police § 4

**109.78 Certification as special policemen; payment of cost**

(A) The executive director of the Ohio peace officer training council, on behalf of the council and in accordance with rules promulgated by the attorney general, shall certify persons who have satisfactorily completed approved training programs designed to qualify persons for positions as special policemen, security guards, or persons otherwise privately employed in a police capacity and issue appropriate certificates to such persons. Such programs shall cover only duties and jurisdiction of such security guards and special policemen privately employed in a police capacity when such officers do not qualify for training under section 109.71 of the Revised Code. A person attending an approved basic training program administered by the state shall pay to the agency administering the program the cost of his participation in the program as determined by the agency. A person attending an approved basic training program administered by a county or municipal corporation shall pay the cost of his participation in the program, as determined by the administering subdivision, to the county or the municipal corporation. Such certificate or the completion of twenty years of active duty as a peace officer shall satisfy the educational requirements for appointment or commission as a special policeman or special deputy of a political subdivision of this state.

(B) No public or private educational institution, port authority, or regional transit authority shall employ a person as a special policeman, security guard, or other position in which such person goes armed while on duty, who has not received a certificate of having satisfactorily completed an approved basic peace officer training program, unless such person has completed twenty years of active duty as a peace officer.

**HISTORY:** 1977 S 194, eff. 7-8-77  
1974 S 192; 1972 H 633; 1971 H 1; 1969 H 575

**CROSS REFERENCES**

See Gotherman & Babbit, Ohio Municipal Law, Text 13.32

Ohio peace officers basic training program, OAC 109:2-1 to 109:2-3

Regional transit authority, powers and duties, 306.35

State universities, special policemen, 3345.04

Special police for institutions under jurisdiction of department of mental health, 5119.14

Special police for institutions under jurisdiction of department of mental retardation and developmental disabilities, 5123.13

OJur 2d: 43A, Police § 4

**109.79 Ohio peace officer training academy**

(A) The Ohio peace officer training council shall establish and conduct a training school for law enforcement officers of any political subdivision of the state. The school shall be known as the Ohio peace officer training academy.

The Ohio peace officer training council shall develop the training program, which shall include courses in both the civil and criminal functions of law enforcement officers, and shall establish rules governing qualifications for admission to the academy. The council may require competitive examinations to determine fitness of prospective trainees, so long as the examinations or other criteria for admission to the academy are consistent with the provisions of Chapter 124. of the Revised Code.

The Ohio peace officer training council shall determine tuition costs which shall be sufficient in the aggregate to pay the costs of operating the academy. The costs of acquiring and equipping the academy shall be paid from appropriations made by the general assembly to the Ohio peace officer training council for that purpose, or from gifts or grants received for that purpose.

The law enforcement officers, during the period of their training, shall receive compensation as determined by the political subdivision that sponsors them. The political subdivision may pay the tuition costs of the law enforcement officers they sponsor.

The academy may, if trainee vacancies exist and the railroad company prepays the entire cost of the training, train and issue certificates of satisfactory completion to peace officers who are employed by a railroad company and who meet the qualifications established for admission to the academy. A railroad company is not entitled to reimbursement from the state for any amount paid for the cost of training the railroad company's peace officers.

(B) As used in this section:

(1) "Law enforcement officers" include any undercover drug agent.

(2) "Undercover drug agent" means any person who:

(a) Is employed by a county, township, or municipal corporation for the purposes set forth in division (B)(2)(b) of this section but who is not an employee of a county sheriff's department, of a township constable, or of the police department of a municipal corporation or township;

(b) In the course of his employment by a county, township, or municipal corporation, investigates and gathers information pertaining to persons who are suspected of violating Chapter 2925. or 3719. of the Revised Code, and generally does not wear a uniform in the performance of his duties.

HISTORY: 1981 H 44, eff. 5-8-81  
1979 H 83; 1976 S 272; 1970 H 1160

## CROSS REFERENCES

Ohio peace officers basic training program, OAC 109:2-1 to 109:2-3

Peace officer training council, definitions, OAC 109:2-1-02

OJur 2d: 43A, Police § 4

## ANTITRUST CASES

**109.81 Attorney general to represent state or political subdivision in antitrust cases**

The attorney general shall act as the attorney at law for the state and may act, by agreement, as the attorney at law for any political subdivision of the state or governing body thereof in antitrust cases and do all things necessary to properly represent them in any such case under the laws of any state or the federal government.

HISTORY: 132 v H 556, eff. 12-14-67

## CROSS REFERENCES

OJur 2d: 37, Monopolies and Combinations § 55

Am Jur 2d: 54, Monopolies, Restraints on Trade and Unfair Trade Practices § 628

**109.82 Antitrust section created; antitrust special account; use**

There is hereby created in the office of the attorney general a section of antitrust. Ten per cent of all recoveries obtained by the attorney general pursuant to section 109.81 of the Revised Code by settlement, or by judgment in any court, shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the attorney general antitrust special account. The attorney general antitrust special account shall be used insofar as funds are available therein for the expenses of the antitrust section. The expenses of the antitrust section in excess of the funds available in the attorney general antitrust special account shall be paid out of the regular appropriation to the office of the attorney general.

HISTORY: 1977 S 221, eff. 11-23-77  
132 v H 556

## CROSS REFERENCES

OJur 2d: 37, Monopolies and Combinations § 35

## MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

**109.83 Investigation of organized crime; referral to grand jury**

(A) When directed by the governor or general assembly, the attorney general may investigate any organized criminal activity in this state. "Organized

criminal activity" means any combination or conspiracy to engage in criminal activity as a significant source of income or livelihood, or to violate, or aid, abet, facilitate, conceal, or dispose of the proceeds of the violation of, criminal laws relating to prostitution, gambling, counterfeiting, obscenity, extortion, loan sharking, drug abuse or illegal drug distribution, or corruption of law enforcement officers or other public officers, officials, or employees.

(B) When it appears to the attorney general, as a result of an investigation pursuant to this section, that there is cause to prosecute for the commission of a crime, he shall refer the evidence to the prosecuting attorney having jurisdiction of the matter, or to a regular grand jury drawn and impaneled pursuant to sections 2939.01 to 2939.24, inclusive, of the Revised Code, or to a special grand jury drawn and impaneled pursuant to section 2939.17 of the Revised Code. When evidence is referred directly to a grand jury pursuant to this section, the attorney general and any assistant or special counsel designated by him has the exclusive right to appear at any time before such grand jury to give information relative to a legal matter cognizable by it, or to advise upon a legal matter when required, and may exercise all rights, privileges, and powers of prosecuting attorneys in such cases.

HISTORY: 1970 H 955, eff. 9-16-70

CROSS REFERENCES

OJur 2d: 26, Grand Jury § 50

OJur 3d: 15, Civil Servants and Other Public Officers and Employees § 405; 25, Criminal Law § 89, 92; 28, Criminal Law § 2113

**109.84 Powers regarding workers' compensation**

(A) Upon the written request of the governor, the industrial commission, the administrator of the bureau of workers' compensation, or upon the attorney general's becoming aware of criminal or improper activity related to Chapter 4121. or 4123. of the Revised Code, the attorney general shall investigate any criminal or civil violation of law related to Chapter 4121. or 4123. of the Revised Code.

(B) When it appears to the attorney general, as a result of an investigation under division (A) of this section, that there is cause to prosecute for the commission of a crime or to pursue a civil remedy, he may refer the evidence to the prosecuting attorney having jurisdiction of the matter, or to a regular grand jury drawn and impaneled pursuant to sections 2939.01 to 2939.24 of the Revised Code, or to a special grand jury drawn and impaneled pursuant to section 2939.17 of the Revised Code, or he may initiate and prosecute any necessary criminal or civil actions in any court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction in this state. When proceeding under this section, the attorney general has all rights, privileges, and powers of

prosecuting attorneys, and any assistant or special counsel designated by him for that purpose has the same authority.

(C) The attorney general shall be reimbursed by the industrial commission for all actual and necessary costs incurred in conducting investigations requested by the governor, the industrial commission, or the administrator of the bureau of workers' compensation and all actual and necessary costs in conducting the prosecution arising out of such investigation.

HISTORY: 1976 S 545, eff. 1-17-77

CROSS REFERENCES

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**109.85 Investigations and prosecutions for excess medicaid payments**

(A) Upon the written request of the governor, the general assembly, the auditor of state, the director of the department of public welfare, the director of health, or upon the attorney general's becoming aware of criminal or improper activity related to Chapter 3721. and section 5111.02 of the Revised Code, the attorney general shall investigate any criminal or civil violation of law related to Chapter 3721. or section 5111.02 of the Revised Code.

(B) When it appears to the attorney general, as a result of an investigation under division (A) of this section, that there is cause to prosecute for the commission of a crime or to pursue a civil remedy, he may refer the evidence to the prosecuting attorney having jurisdiction of the matter, or to a regular grand jury drawn and impaneled pursuant to sections 2939.01 to 2939.24 of the Revised Code, or to a special grand jury drawn and impaneled pursuant to section 2939.17 of the Revised Code, or he may initiate and prosecute any necessary criminal or civil actions in any court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction in this state. When proceeding under this section, the attorney general and any assistant or special counsel designated by him for that purpose, have all rights, privileges, and powers of prosecuting attorneys. The attorney general shall have exclusive supervision and control of all investigations and prosecutions initiated by him under this section. Nothing in this section shall prevent a county prosecuting attorney from investigating and prosecuting criminal activity related to Chapter 3721. and section 5111.02 of the Revised Code.

HISTORY: 1979 H 176, eff. 7-1-80  
1978 S 159

CROSS REFERENCES

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**109.99 Penalty**

(A) Whoever violates section 109.26 of the Revised Code shall be fined not less than five hundred nor more than ten thousand dollars or be imprisoned

not less than one month nor more than one year, or both.

**HISTORY:** 125 v 351, eff. 10-14-53

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82-082	Reference in	84-085
82-104	Reference in	84-079
83-003	Reference in	84-079
83-027	Reference in	84-030
83-029	Reference in	84-036
83-035	Distinguished by	84-053
83-038	Reference in	84-030
83-042	Reference in	84-036
	Reference in	84-058
83-060	Reference in	84-086
83-073	Reference in	84-061
	Reference in	84-071
84-030	Reference in	84-066
84-036	Reference in	84-058
84-048	Reference in	84-083
84-058	Reference in	84-069
84-061	Reference in	84-076
	Reference in	84-092
84-071	Reference in	84-076



## TABLE 3

### COMPATIBLE AND INCOMPATIBLE OFFICES

Note: The following table, in two parts, lists Compatible Offices and Incompatible Offices, as determined in Opinions of the Attorney General issued during the year 1984.

Offices and positions are considered incompatible when one is subordinate to the other or is a check upon the other. Also, positions may be deemed incompatible when it is physically impossible for one person to discharge the duties of both offices (State, ex rel Attorney General v Gebert, 12 CC(NS) 274).

There are several constitutional and statutory provisions affecting the compatibility of offices, as follows:

<i>Ohio Constitution</i>	<i>Ohio Revised Code</i>		
Art. II, § 4	3.11	315.02	2921.42
Art. III, § 14	124.57	319.07	3501.02
	309.02	705.02	
	311.04	731.12	

In some instances, court decisions have ruled upon the compatibility of offices. Such court decisions are not covered in this table.

<b>Office</b>	<b>Compatible With</b>	<b>Opinion</b>
County agricultural society treasurer	Deputy clerk, board of county commissioners	84-053
Deputy clerk, board of county commissioners	County agricultural society treasurer	84-053
Deputy sheriff	Dog warden, county	84-070
Dog warden, county	Deputy sheriff	84-070
Township trustee	Volunteer fire department, assistant chief	84-018
Volunteer fire department, assistant chief	Township trustee	84-018

<b>Office</b>	<b>Incompatible With</b>	<b>Opinion</b>
Assistant county prosecutor	County law library association treasurer	84-087
County law library association treasurer	Assistant county prosecutor	84-087
County school board member	Teacher's aide	84-003
Deputy clerk, municipal court	Deputy sheriff	84-028
Deputy sheriff	Deputy clerk, municipal court	84-028
Regional water and sewer district trustee	Township trustee	84-059
Teacher's aide	County school board member	84-003
Township trustee	Regional water and sewer district trustee	84-059