



2013 Ohio Outlook

Cleveland Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting

November 15, 2012



2012 Legislative Recap

- Pension Reform
- MBR Process
- Cleveland Education Reform

PERS Reform – SB 243

- No additional employer or employee contribution
- Final average salary – 3 to 5 yrs
- COLA – lower of 3% or CPI beginning in 2019 for those retiring after this year
- PERS Board has more health care flexibility
- Minimum salary eligibility from \$250 → \$600/month

MBR Process (3 Main Bills)

- H.B. 487 – Main MBR - Government Reform and Healthcare
 - 2,700-page bill that touched on nearly every agency in state government
- S.B. 315 – Energy and Environmental Policy
 - Shaped Ohio's shale gas industry while updating other areas the state's energy policy
- S.B. 316 – Education Policy
 - Addressed reading requirements for third-graders; modified school accountability requirements; established workforce policy requirements

Additional MBR Bills

- H.B. 509 - Local Government Changes
 - Addressed issues including health insurance pools, bidding processes, and sharing/collaboration of services
- H.B. 508 - General Tax Law Changes
- H.B. 490 - Veterans Services
- H.B. 510 - Financial Institutions Tax (Still Pending and Expected to Pass)

Cleveland Education Reform

- H.B. 525 (Cleveland Schools Plan)
 - Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson
 - Coalition of the Cleveland Business Community
 - The bi-partisan legislation passed the House 78-16 and the Senate 27-4

2012 Levy Issues

- Library Levies

- 100% Passed –(14 library property tax & 1 bond issue)
- Dayton Metro Libraries, Guernsey County, Grandview Heights , Wright Memorial Library in Oakwood, Champaign County, Huron Public, Mansfield-Richland County Public, Pataskala Public, Ridgemont Public, Ritter Public, Stark County District, St. Paris Public, Toledo-Lucas County Public, Wadsworth Public and Wayne County Public Library

- School Tax Issues

- 55% Passed –(105 of 192 levies)

Lame Duck Session

- November – December 2012
- Varied/fluid agenda
- Possible Legislative Items
 - Severance Tax Legislation
 - Elections Reform
 - Ethics Reform
 - H.B. 555 - Changes to laws affecting school report cards
 - H.B. 510 - Financial Institutions Tax
 - H.B. 360 - Wireless 9-1-1 Charges
 - S.B. 301 – Pill Mills
 - H.B. 414 – Cyber Stalking

2013 State Overview

- 130th General Assembly
- Budget
- Tax Policy

130th General Assembly

- Republicans maintain majority
 - 23-10 in the Senate
 - 59-40 in the House (pending)
- House leadership stability
- New Senate President – Keith Faber
- Finance chairs

2013-14 Biennial Budget

- Introduced early February
- Passed by June 30, 2013
- Major issues
 - Tax policy
 - 1) reduction in state income tax
 - 2) municipal income tax uniformity
 - 3) tax reform
 - Health Care/Medicaid expansion
 - Energy/Environmental Policy

State Budget/Revenue

- FY 2013 Revenue exceed estimates by 1.2%
- Exceeds 9.6% increase compared to this time last year
- Nearly \$500 million in “rainy day” fund

Political Context

- All 5 Statewide Offices Up in 2014
 - Governor/Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Auditor, Secretary of State, Treasurer
- Legislative Races 2014
 - All 99 House Seats
 - 16 of 33 Senate Seats
- Speaker Race 2014
 - Members will begin to leverage for top post
- 2016 Presidential/Ohio Candidates

Advocacy Action Steps

1. Coordination with OLC
2. Continue to refine collaboration talking points/message
3. Identify local legislative targets based on committee assignments
4. Strategic outreach to key members outside region based on both CleveNet and Library for the blind