

## Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

Legislative Newsletter

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## IN THE NEWS

Backers Voice Support for Bill Keeping Ohio Cops from Enforcing Federal Gun Laws

Ohio Lawmakers Want
Divorced Parents to
Share Equal Time,
Responsibility for Kids

Former Ohio House
Speaker Larry
Householder, ex-Ohio
GOP Chairman Matt
Borges Convicted

11 East Cleveland Police Officers Indicted on Civil Rights Violations

Franklin County Court
Improving, Expanding
Center for Domestic
Violence Victims

**OPAA NEWS** 

The OPAA Spring Training is April 20 – 21 at the Sheraton at Capitol Square in Columbus.

## Introduced

House Bill 67 (Penalty Reductions Due to Changes in Law) sponsored by Reps. Seitz (R – Cincinnati) and Williams (R – Toledo) provides that if a penalty for an offense has been imposed on an offender and the penalty for that offense is subsequently reduced by a change to the Revised Code or Constitution, the offender may apply to the court to reduce the penalty or punishment.

House Bill 51 (Second Amendment Preservation Act) sponsored by Reps. Schmidt (R – Miami Twp.) and Loychik (R – Bazetta) declares certain federal laws and acts to be infringements on Second Amendment rights and prohibits Ohio law enforcement from enforcing, attempting to enforce, or providing material support for the enforcement of such federal laws and acts. House Bill 101 (Village Dissolutions) sponsored by Reps. Schmidt (R – Miami Twp.) and Bird (R – New Richmond) outlines a process for village dissolutions and creates a 'transition supervisory board' consisting of the county auditor, county prosecutor, and county recorder to manage the transition of the dissolved village in specified ways.

House Bill 91 (Prohibit Tracking Devices Without Consent) sponsored by Rep. Patton (R – Strongsville) amends the menacing by stalking law to prohibit knowingly installing a tracking device or tracking application on another person's property without the other person's consent and provides that a violation is a misdemeanor of the first degree.

## Amended

House Bill 35 (Limitations Period – Civil Action Childhood Sexual Abuse) sponsored by Reps. Seitz (R - Cincinnati) and Miranda (D - Cincinnati) eliminates the limitations period for a civil action based on a claim of childhood sexual abuse only for purposes of filing claims against a bankruptcy estate of an organization chartered under federal law, otherwise known as the 'Scouts' Honor Law.' The bill was amended at the request of OPAA to include a provision that creates a mechanism to properly classify sex-offenders whose crimes were committed prior to the enactment of the Adam Walsh Act and who were sentenced and classified under the Adam Walsh Act scheme, a classification that the Supreme Court of Ohio determined was unconstitutional in *State v. Williams*, 129 Ohio St.3d 344.