



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

BELLBROOK CITY COUNCIL

STATE REPRESENTATIVE RICK PERALES

73RD HOUSE DISTRICT

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MY HISTORY

Education:

Auburn University, Bachelor of Science, Building Construction

Troy State University, Master of Science, International Relations

Experience:

-1982-1997: Air Force Civil Engineer

-2002-2003: Mayor of Beavercreek

-2003-2005: Beavercreek City Council

-2005-2012: Greene County Commissioner

-1998-2013: Executive Director, Facilities Management, University of Dayton

-2013-Present: State Representative of the 73rd Ohio House District



MY HISTORY

Awards:

- Wick Wright Award, 2015
- AMVET Legislator of the Year, 2014
- Ohio Veteran Hall of Fame, 2010
- Dayton Regions Top 25 Most Influential People of the Decade, 2009
- Ohio Jaycee's Outstanding Mayor, 2003

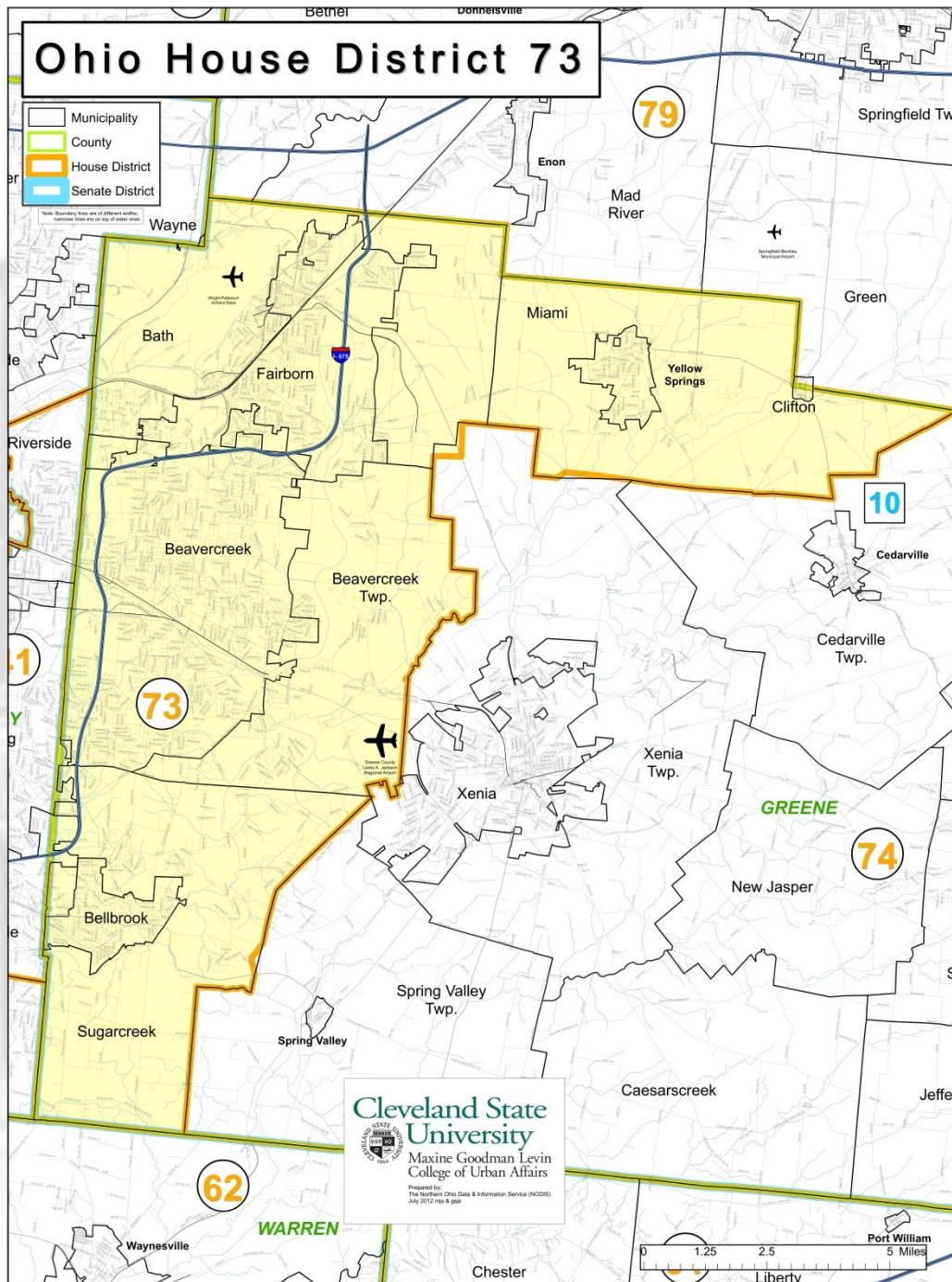
131st General Assembly Assignments:

- Ohio Aerospace and Aviation Technology Committee, Chairman
- Veteran Caucus, Chairman
- Armed Services, Veteran Affairs and Public Safety Committee, Vice Chair
- Economic and Workforce Development Committee, Member
- Finance, Higher Education Sub-Committee, Member***
- State Government Committee, Member
- Commission on Hispanic-Latino Affairs, House of Representatives Designee
- Ohio Third Frontier Advisory Board, House of Representatives Designee

Ohio House District 73

- Municipality
- County
- House District
- Senate District

Note: Boundary lines are of different colors; however lines are on top of water areas.





CURRENT LEGISLATION

- **House Current Resolution 8**– repudiates claim that Gustave Whitehead was the first person to successfully fly a powered, heavier than air machine; reaffirms Wright Brothers first in flight.
- **House Bill 32**– reclassifies the tax receipt for aircraft motor fuel to a motor fuel excise tax, and requires a percentage of the aircraft motor fuel excise taxes be used for airport improvements.
- **House Bill 105**– permits military spouses, who quit their job due to military member PCS, be eligible for state unemployment benefits.
- **House Bill 192**– requires the State Board of Education to adopt safety enhancements for newly constructed schools.
- **House Bill 222**– enacts stricter penalties for assault on bus drivers when the victim is an employee of the Ohio transit system.
- **House Bill 306** – requires a secondary means of egress for dwelling areas above the second story of certain residential properties.



BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Personal Budget Amendments

- Defense/Aerospace Workforce Development Initiative
 - Appropriates \$20 million over the next two fiscal years to be used through the Applied Research Corporation at WSU.
- Federal Research Center Network
 - Appropriates \$5 million in FY17 to create a network between NASA Glenn, WPAFB and Ohio's research universities.
- Ohio Military Facilities Commission
 - Appropriates \$5 million over the next two fiscal years for infrastructure capital improvements to our military installations.
- Aviation Fuel Tax
 - Moving \$6M/year of aviation fuel tax to benefit airport infrastructure
- Public Library Funding
 - Increases funding to public libraries by roughly \$20 million over the next two fiscal years



BUDGET OVERVIEW

Sub. H.B. 64 – As Signed by the Governor

- Provides over \$1.2 billion in tax relief to Ohioans over the next two years.
- Maintains Medicaid expansion; focuses on making efficiency improvements, i.e. cost transparency, minimal participation, etc.
- Ensures that no school district will receive less foundation funding in FY'16 or FY'17 than it did in FY'15.
 - Increased K-12 funding to \$950M over biennial
- Freezes tuition and fees at state institutions for the biennium
 - Requires state institutions to develop and implement a plan to reduce the cost of earning a degree by 5 percent.



SCHOOL FUNDING

Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Schools

- FY15 - \$5.7 million
- FY16 - \$5.7 million
- FY17 - \$5.7 million
- Beaver Creek, Cedar Cliff, Greenview and Bellbrook-Sugarcreek will all receive the same funding as in 2015.

“School advocates are pleased with the increased funding... They also like the formula change that took \$150 million the Senate had set aside for technology and instead put it into the capacity-aid portion of the budget that targets money to low-wealth districts.”

- Columbus Dispatch, June 26, 2015



LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Local Government Fund

- Local Government Fund will continue to share 1.66% of the total GRF.

Local Government Safety Capital Grant Program

- \$20 million under the Local Government Innovation Council
 - Awards grants for the purchase of vehicles, equipment, facilities, or systems needed to enhance public safety.
 - \$2 million per year for implementing recommendations of the Ohio Task-Force on Community-Police Relations
(http://publicsafety.ohio.gov/otfcpr/links/ohtfcpr_final_report.pdf)
 - Funds various law enforcement training funds

Indigent Defense

- \$12 million (about 10%) increase to indigent defense funds.
 - Reimbursement back up to 48% from as low as 25% in 2008
 - Past 2 years reimbursement has been around 40%



ISSUES ON DECK

Medicaid

- By far the largest expense to the state of Ohio, look for a variety of bills intended to refine the system to make it more efficient and effective.

Common Core

- The common core debate will continue over the 131st General Assembly; introduced already is legislation to repeal the standards.
 - HB 212 (Rep. Thompson) – Repeals common core standards and replaces them with current Massachusetts standards.
 - HB 64 (Budget Bill) – Replaced PARCC testing with AIR tests.

2nd Amendment Rights

- A bill currently being heard in State Government Committee would allow “constitutional carry” for all Ohioans over the age of 21.

Elections

- Representatives typically spend less time in Columbus starting in early 2016 to begin primary and general election preparations.



ISSUES ON DECK

Issue 1 – Ohio Bipartisan Redistricting Commission

- Create a bipartisan redistricting commission.
- Establish new rules for the district plan (i.e. must be compact, contiguous, ect.).
- Disallows the district plan from being drawn to favor or disfavor a political party.

Issue 2 – Initiated Monopolies

- Bans the use of citizen initiative to create a monopoly or determine a tax rate that would benefit a single entity or group.
 - If any such future amendment would be certified to appear on the ballot, voters would have to vote to allow the petitioner to violate the above provision.
- Invalidates any such monopolies approved on the November 3rd, 2015 election.

Issue 3 – Marijuana Legalization

- Legalize the drug for medicinal and recreational use.
- Establish only 10 specific plots of land on which it can be grown.
- Establish the tax rate on production and sales, defines how the tax revenues are to be dispersed, and defines how many retail stores would be allowed to sell the drug.
 - Any changes to above provisions could not be authorized by the General Assembly, only through constitutional amendment.



UPCOMING BUDGETS

Budget Correction Bill – Possible

- Fall 2015

Mid-Biennial Review (MBR) – Probable

- Early Spring 2016

Capital Budget – Probable

- Late Spring 2016

Requirements/Needs?



QUESTIONS?

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