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## OHIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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- Exempts purchases from and payments to the Society from the prohibition of certain purchases and leases unless they are made by competitive selection or with the approval of the Controlling Board.
- Establishes the Ohio Cemetery Law Task Force to develop recommendations on modifications of Ohio laws relating to cemeteries.

### State registries of archaeological and historic landmarks

(R.C. 149.54, 317.08, 1506.30, and 3714.03; Section 747.20; R.C. 149.51 and 149.55 (repealed))

The act repeals provisions that require the Ohio Historical Society to maintain a State Registry of Archaeological Landmarks and a State Registry of Historic Landmarks. In consequence of this repeal, the act makes conforming changes that do the following:

- Eliminates the duty of county recorders to record agreements for the registration of lands as archaeological or historic landmarks in the record of deeds but requires the recorders to keep such existing records.
- Eliminates a requirement that a person who engages in archaeological survey or salvage work at any registered state archaeological landmark first must obtain written permission from the Director of the Ohio Historical Society.
- Eliminates, from the definition of "historical value" in the Submerged Lands Preservation Act, the inclusion of an object, structure, site, or district that is included in or eligible for inclusion in either the State Registry of Archaeological Landmarks or the State Registry of Historic Landmarks.
- Eliminates a prohibition against the Director of Environmental Protection or a board of health issuing a permit to establish a new construction and demolition debris facility when the horizontal limits of construction and demolition debris placement at the facility are proposed to be located



within 500 feet of land that has been placed on the State Registry of Historic Landmarks.

### **Historical Society exempted from Controlling Board oversight**

(R.C. 127.16)

The act exempts state agency purchases from, and state agency payments to, the Ohio Historical Society from the provision of continuing law that prohibits certain purchases and leases unless they are made by competitive selection or with the approval of the Controlling Board.

### **Ohio Cemetery Law Task Force**

(Section 747.10)

The act establishes the Ohio Cemetery Law Task Force to develop recommendations on modifications of Ohio laws relating to cemeteries.

The Task Force is to consist of the following 11 members: a representative of local government, other than townships, appointed by the President of the Senate; a representative of the Ohio Township Association appointed by the President of the Senate; a representative of Native Americans appointed by the President of the Senate; a representative of private cemeteries appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; a representative of the Ohio Historical Society appointed by the Speaker; a representative of archeologists appointed by the Speaker; a representative of the Ohio Genealogical Society appointed by the Governor; a representative of the Ohio Cemetery Dispute Resolution Commission appointed by the Governor; a representative of the Division of Real Estate and Professional Licensing in the Department of Commerce appointed by the Governor; a representative of the Department of Transportation appointed by the Governor; and a representative of the Department of Natural Resources appointed by the Governor. Initial appointments are to be made not later than October 29, 2013. Vacancies are to be filled in the manner provided for original appointments.

The Task Force must elect two of its members to serve as co-chairpersons of the Task Force. The Task Force must meet as often as necessary to carry out its duties and responsibilities. Members of the Task Force serve without compensation.

The Task Force must issue a report of its recommendations to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and the Governor not later than September 29, 2014.

The Task Force ceases to exist upon submitting its report.

