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What is the Ohio Legislative Action Committee?

This diverse group of homeowner leaders, community managers, and representatives from community association business partners provides perspective on how proposed legislation could impact people living and working in community associations.

WHY WE NEED YOUR HELP

During legislative sessions in Ohio, there are always pieces of legislation introduced that impact Ohio community associations. We need your help now to continue to educate legislators and build relationships on your behalf. In order to be successful in supporting or opposing legislation, we rely on your support. Your donation makes our legislative advocacy and outreach efforts possible.

Please consider donating a \$1 per door (or more) so we can represent your community voice at the State Capitol. Giving is easy, simply donate online today at www.advocacy.caionline.org or mail back your Dollar-a-Door or More donations form.

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- 1 Gives you a voice.** The volunteer committee represents the [approximately 1,654,000 Ohioans living in 682,500 homes in more than 8,750 community associations](#) across the Buckeye state. Your donation saves you and your community association money by protecting Ohio's homeowner and condominium associations from burdensome legislation.
- 2 Keeps you informed and involved.** The Ohio Legislative Action Committee (OH LAC) organizes "grassroots" advocacy campaigns — letters, e-mails, phone, and social media communications regarding important issues related to community associations.
- 3 Tracks legislation that could impact community associations.** The OH LAC tracked 14 out of the 2,125 bills that were introduced in the 2023-2024 Ohio General Assembly. >> www.caionline.org/LegislativeTracking
- 4 Strengthens key relationships with lawmakers.** By educating lawmakers, legislative and executive staff, and other organizations, as well as testifying, the committee helps advance issues facing community associations and influence the outcome of legislation.
- 5 Advocacy Successes.** The OH LAC tracked 14 out of the 2,125 bills that were introduced in the 2023-2024 Ohio General Assembly, advocating for or against several bills that impact the community association industry.

HB 668 – POLITICAL YARD SIGNS -The LAC opposed this legislation unless amended to include an association's ability to reasonably regulate political signs within their association regarding time, place, and manner restrictions, particularly within common areas. This legislation as drafted seeks to prohibit community associations in Ohio from prohibiting homeowners from displaying flag poles or political yard signs on their property. As currently written, the legislation does not allow individual associations to develop reasonable rules and regulations concerning the time, location, materials, size, number, and manner of where political signs or other political displays and/or political activities and non-commercial signs are located within the community. The LAC sought amendments on this bill to ensure it aligns with CAI's public policy on political signs.

The House Workforce & Economic Development Committee opted to include the unimproved HB 668 political signage language from the As Introduced version of the bill into SB75, an unrelated Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) bill. This bill is expected to be re-introduced next session.

Status: Language included in SB 75 – Died in Committee.

HB 100 – THIN BLUE LINE FLAG—The LAC successfully advocated for an amendment that added language specifying what is considered a thin blue line flag to ensure that all community associations are on the same page regarding what kind of flag specifically would be protected by new state statutes. This bill, also known as the Enact the Chief Steven DiSario Act, adds the thin blue line flag to the list of flags that are permitted for display in all condominium associations, neighborhood associations, and manufactured home parks under certain circumstances regarding size and placement. Before the introduction of this bill, the United States flag, the display of the Ohio state flag, the National League of POW/MIA Families flag, and the Military Service Star flags were protected by state law.

Status: Passed House in 2023. Died in Senate Committee.

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