

Presentation: On Advocacy

Various ways exist to pursue conservation goals. One way is through governmental and political structures. Starting in the 5th grade, Ohioans learn we have three levels of government each with three branches. Interaction between citizens and elected officials, or candidates, remains untaught. As the advocacy option remains unused the perception of an inability to interact reinforces itself. Why does Ohio matter? Ohio has a budget of \$27 Billion dollars a year which is larger than the budget in 160 countries around the globe. The state's budget and legislation has an influence on you, your community, and our conservation goals. The Ohio League of Conservation Voters educates Ohioans how local issue advocacy moves us towards achieving conservation goals at the state level of government. Please join us to learn about knowing when to organize, be active, and communicate with those in the political and governmental sectors.



History

Advocacy (ədˈvɒkəsi). [a. (14th c.) Fr. *advocacie*, -*atie*, *avocacie*, ad. med. L. *advocātia*, n. of state, f. *advocātus*: see ADVOCATE and -ACY.]

1. The function of an advocate; the work of advocating; pleading for or supporting.

1413 LYDG. *Pylgr. Sowle* l. xv. (1859) 13 Hylsful lord I.. I haue spoken of aduocacye, soo that thou sholdest myn aduocate be. 1483 CAXTON *Gold. Leg.* 427/1 He had occupyed and exerceed moche holyly and deuoutelye the fayte of aduocacye in the bysshoppes courte. 1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud.* Ep. 47 Shall he want herin the applause or advocacy of Satan. 1849 CORDEN *Sf.* 21, I will never cease the advocacy of this question. 1867 CARLYLE *Reveries*. (1881) II. 13 It is a strange trade, I have often thought, that of advocacy. 1873 YEATS *Grania & Fiacre*. *Comus*. 273 Whose voice then first began to be heard in advocacy of freedom of commerce.

2. = ADVOWSON, ADVOCATION 3.

1876 FREEMAN *Norm. Conq.* III. xii. 124 Bishop Gervase .. petitioned the king to grant the royal rights over the see, the rights of advocacy or patronage.

1413 - The action of supporting another as exemplified in English history.

1770s – After Parliament targets colony with taxes people turn to King as advocate. He fails and becomes the target of colonists anger.

-- Public advocacy is part of the United States governmental and political system.

Tomorrow – we are all advocates for this issue.

Government structure



Jefferson, education

Thomas Jefferson talked about education producing citizens who are knowledgeable to participate in government.

(Carpenter, J. J. (2004). Jefferson's Views on Education: Implications for Today's Social Studies. *Social Studies*, 95(4), 140-146.)

Box, “pastel pink and blues” on government

(Box, R.C. (2009). Public Administration and Society Critical Issues in American Governance. Armonk, New York : M. E. Shapre, Inc. , p. 3)

will come back to this.



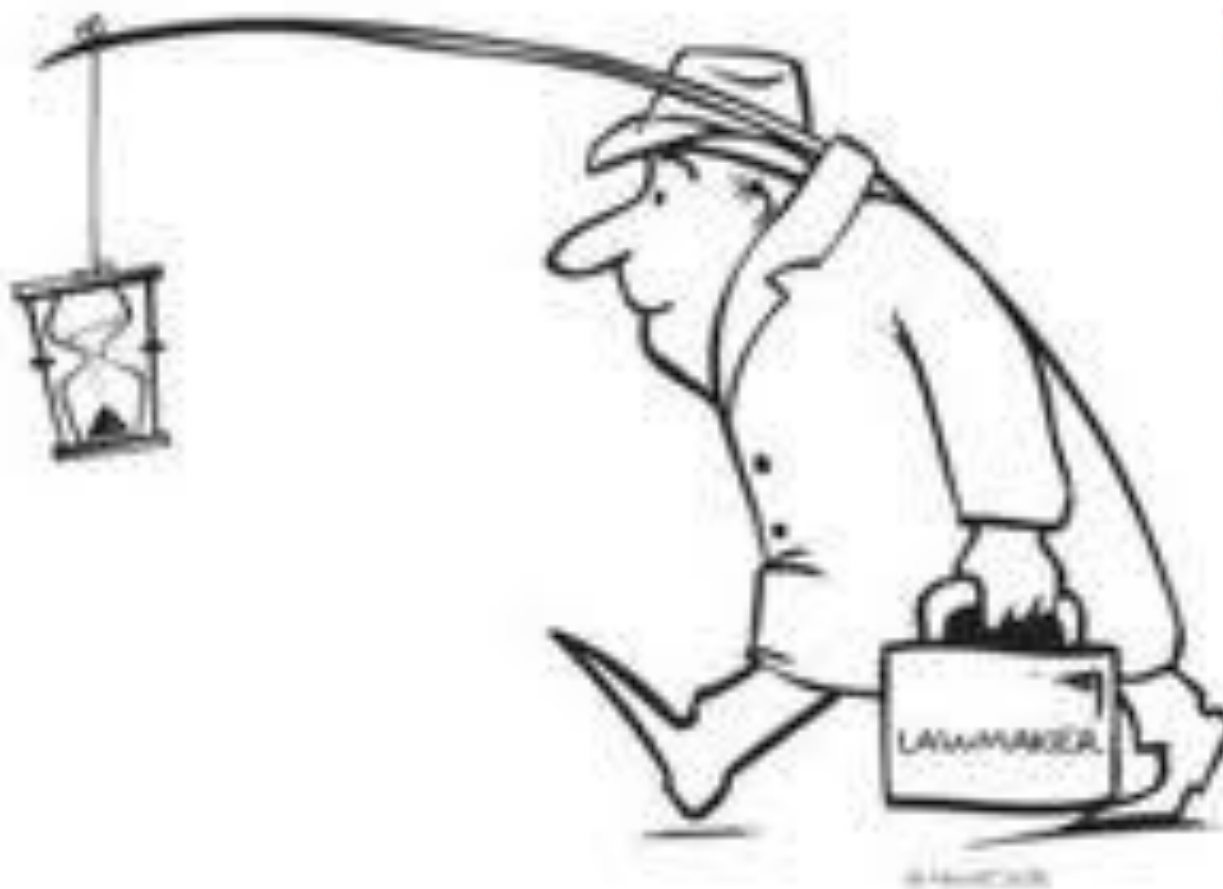
Information

- OEC, Policy Matters
- Dr. Goldstein, Nara, Weatherington-Rice
 - Having a record
 - Remembering the goal
 - In academic circles discussion of science misused.

Organize



- Advocate by organizing
 - Mr. Keck - The coalition for May 7th
 - Dr. Fischer's presentation
 - Build the group
 - Talk with elected officials, their office staff, department staff
 - Offer to have the official attend or speak at a meeting



The opportunities of term limits

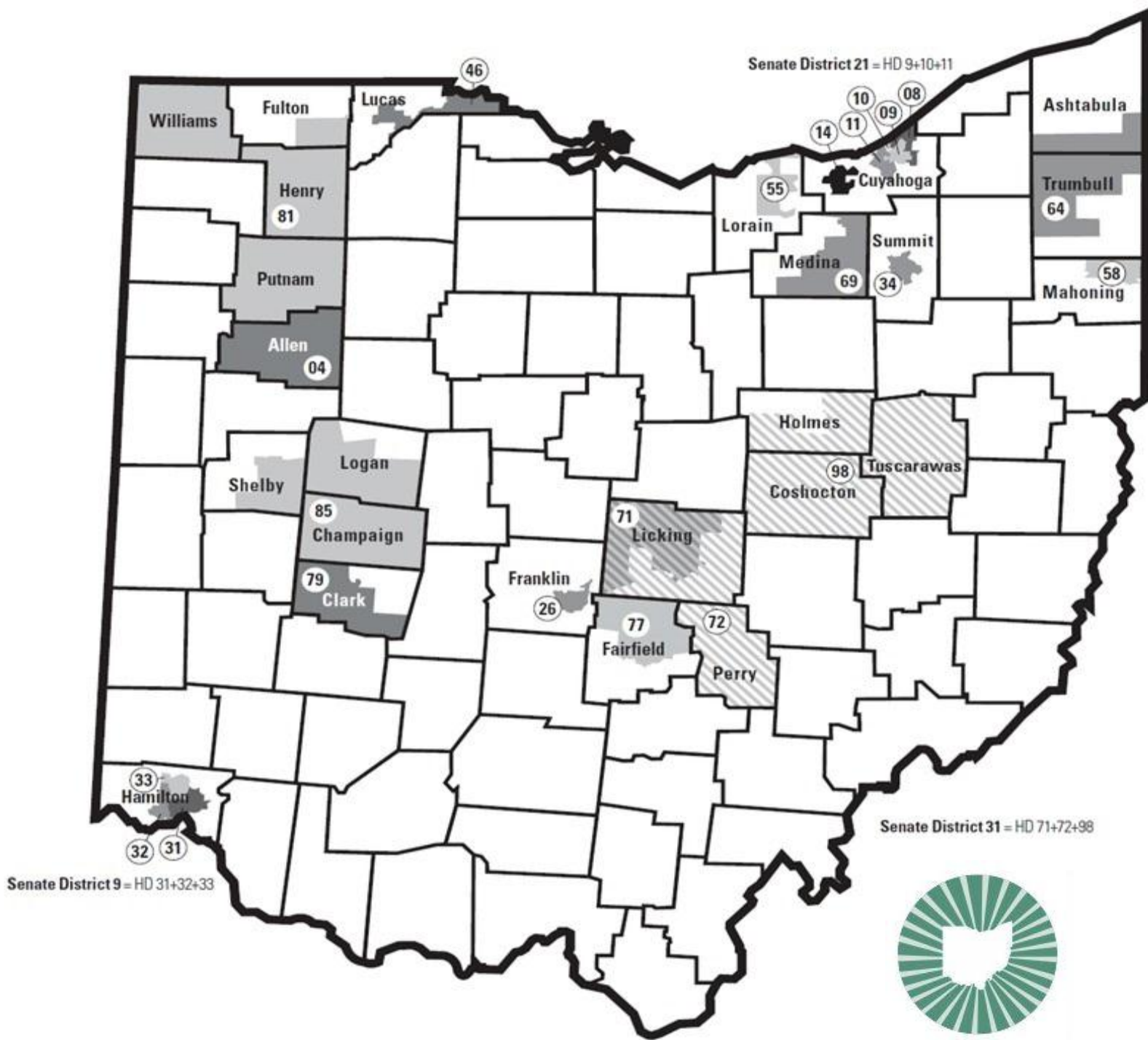


Ohio and term limited seats, 2014

- General Assembly seats are redistricted.
- 18 House seats are term limited in 2014
- 3 Senate seats are term limited in 2014

Ohio and term limited seats, 2012

State Image from <http://ohiohospitalcompare.ohio.gov/> districts drawn by Matt Nisenoff



Participation, government structure

Ground Water Quality Monitoring Program

Upwind control
agency

Watershed Agency

Stormwater management

County Fair Boards

County Soil Survey

COUNTY WATER
AND SOIL
CONSERVATION
DISTRICT

Air Quality Index