

## **Check the Facts: Responsive & Transparent Government**

- Enacted HB 5 (co-sponsor) allows audit of state to conduct feasibility studies of sharing local resources and services and authorizes a Shared Equipment Service Agreement Program, such as ShareOhio, where communities can share heavy equipment like tractors and bulldozers.
- Local Government Safety Capital Grant program—Allocated \$20 million to political subdivisions for the purchase of vehicles, equipment, facilities, or systems needed to enhance public safety
- Primary sponsor of HB 562 (Pending) authorizing local and county governments and officers to
  deliver certain notices by ordinary mail and electronically instead of by USPS certified mail producing dramatic savings for local and county offices.
- Co-sponsor of HB 231 (Pending) requiring local taxing authorities (School Boards, County Commissioners, City and Village Councils, Township Trustees, etc.) that file complaints against the valuation of property which they do not own to pass a resolution approving the complaint and specifying the compensation paid to any person retained to represent that taxing authority.
- Co-sponsor of HB 407 (Pending) which requires law enforcement agencies that use body cameras to adopt written policies for operation of the cameras and to require agencies to make the adopted policies available to the public.
- Enacted HB 46 (co-sponsor) that made permanent the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database OhioCheckbook.com under the Office of the Ohio Treasurer.
- Enacted SB 321 which provides an expedited process to an individual who has had a public records request denied by a public office at the state, county and local levels.
- Enacted HB 50 which increased the age to 21 for which persons are eligible to receive foster care and adoption assistance from county agencies, and addressed issues associated with caring for the more than 67,000 juvenile and elderly Ohioans subject to guardianship in the state.
- Primary sponsor of Sub. HB 278 (Pending) which requires proof of training by appointed Humane Society Agents, increases their monthly salary (1st increase since the 1950's), requires annual enforcement activity report to be submitted to county sheriff, specifying these records are public records, and defines Humane Society Agent as a public servant, making them subject to Ohio bribery laws. Allows Humane Society appointed attorneys and humane agents to be paid out of the general fund or dog and kennel fund of the county at the discretion of the County Commissioners.