

**LEGISLATIVE REVIEW**  
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**RCAC SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSES IONIZATION VS PHOTOELECTRIC SMOKE  
DETECTORS**

At its last meeting, the full RCAC agreed to set up a subcommittee to provide a forum and consider information to be presented on both ionization and photoelectric smoke detectors. With a recent push from the Fire Service, and adoption of several local ordinances requiring photoelectric detectors, the topic was brought to the RCAC's attention again. Then chairman, Bailey Stanbery, appointed members Jack Pryor, Mike Boeckermann, and Ric Johnson to serve as a RCAC subcommittee and bring a recommendation back to the full Committee after studying the topic further.

The subcommittee had its first meeting, November 26<sup>th</sup> and heard from several fire service representatives, a manufacturer, the Ohio Home Builders, and received a written report from a Task Force set up by the Ohio Fire Marshall, Larry Flowers. The subcommittee is set to meet on December 20<sup>th</sup> for a second round of interested party testimony before discussing potential recommendations to the full RCAC. The two issues being reviewed include a determination of conflict between the local ordinances requiring photoelectric detectors and the RCO, and whether recent testing by the fire service warrants consideration of new requirements.

OHBA would appreciate feedback for the upcoming discussions on experiences with the two types of detectors, impact of requiring both types of detectors, cost concerns and any other insight you may have on the subject.

**SENATE RECESSES UNTIL NEW YEAR; HOUSE TO COME BACK NEXT WEEK**

The Senate had its final session of the year Wednesday, allowing the chamber to vacate for the holiday recess a week ahead of the House. After controversial legislation was put aside until further review, the Senate concluded its business this week and may not return until February.

With a few measures remaining to close out next week, the House will be back for an additional week of session before it also recesses until after the New Year.