A few months before residents in one of their state’s largest cities were scheduled to vote on a proposed increase in the minimum wage, Ohio lawmakers stepped in to block the ballot initiative. SB 331, signed into law in December, bans all Ohio political subdivisions from “establishing minimum wage rates different from the rate required by state law.”

According to The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer, political leaders in Cleveland asked for the new state law, expressing concern that the proposed $15-an-hour minimum wage would stifle the city’s economic recovery. (An outside group sponsored the initiative.)

Only a few local governments in the Midwest have established their own minimum wages, research from the Economic Policy Institute shows. The region’s largest city, Chicago, is incrementally raising its minimum wage to $13 an hour by 2019. In addition, four counties in Iowa have approved higher minimum wages, The Des Moines Register reports.

With the start of the new year, minimum-wage rates rose in three Midwestern states. The hikes in Ohio and South Dakota are the result of state laws that tie the wage to inflationary changes. In Michigan, the minimum wage is gradually being increased — to $8.90 in 2017 and $9.25 in 2018.