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CO. PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSIONS

House Bill 5309 as introduced
First Analysis (2-6-90)

FILED

Sponsor: Rep. Donald Van Singel
Committee: Towns and Counties

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THE APPARENT PROBLEM:

Public Act 261 of 1965 allows county boards of commissioners to create county parks and recreation commissions and specifies that three of the ten members of the commission must be (1) the chairperson of the county road commission or another road commissioner designated by the board of county road commissioners, (2) the county drain commissioner, and (3) the chairperson of the county planning commission. (The remaining seven members of a county parks and recreation commission are appointed by the county board of commissioners, with up to three of these seven members also being members of the county board of commissioners.) To provide more flexibility in appointments, legislation has been introduced to allow a member of the county planning commission to be appointed to a county parks and recreation commission.

THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:

The bill would amend Public Act 261 of 1965 to allow county planning commissions to designate a member of the planning commission other than the chairperson to serve on a county parks and recreation commission.

MCL 46.351

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

Fiscal information is not available. (2-1-90)

ARGUMENTS:

For:

Present law allows either the chairperson of a county road commission or some other member of the road commission to be one of the required members of a county parks and recreation commission. However, the law requires that the chairperson alone of the members of the county planning commission serve on the county's parks and recreation commission. The bill would allow county planning commissions the same flexibility in designating members to county parks and recreation commissions that road commissions now enjoy.

POSITIONS:

The Michigan Association of Counties supports the bill. (2-1-90)

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