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FILL VILLAGE VACANCIES

House Bill 4728

Sponsor: Rep. Donald H. Gilmer

Committee: Elections

Complete to 4-19-91

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4728 AS INTRODUCED 4-18-91

The bill would amend the Michigan Election Law so that a board of county election commissioners could make temporary appointments to a village council if its membership had been reduced to less than a quorum of four, a special election to fill all vacancies had been called, and the village charter did not provide for temporary appointments to establish a quorum.

Under the bill, the election commissioners of the county in which the largest portion of the population of the village is situated would make temporary appointments of the number of trustees needed for a quorum for the transaction of business. A trustee so appointed could hold office only until his or her successor was elected and qualified. A trustee temporarily appointed could not vote on the appointment of himself or herself to an elective or appointive village office. (The board of county election commissioners comprises the chief judge of probate, the county clerk, and the county treasurer. A similar provision for township vacancies was put in the election law in the last legislative session, Public Act 83 of 1990.)

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