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BASE CONVERSION AUTHORITY

House Bill 5052

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Complete to 8-19-91

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5052 AS INTRODUCED 8-1-91

The bill would amend Public Act 151 of 1978, which provided for the establishment of a temporary military base conversion authority, to reconstitute the authority's membership. Under the bill, the new authority would have 11 members, including the directors of the Departments of Commerce and Natural Resources. Other members would include: the elected township supervisor of the township in which the military installation is located (or a designee); a member of the county board of commissioners, other than the chair, from the county in which the base is located; one member from each chamber of commerce in the county; the chief elected officer of the municipality in which the majority of the land area of the base is located (or a designee); a member of the board of the intermediate school district; a member of the community service agency in the area; a member of a local citizens' group concerned with environmental issues; and a person retired from the military who was living on the base at the time it was designated for closure. A quorum would be six members.

The previous authority, which has gone out of existence, had 9 members; five local members and the directors of four state departments (Commerce, Labor, Management and Budget, and Natural Resources). The local members comprised two county commissioners (including the chair); two representatives from the local municipality, the chief executive and a member of the legislative body; and the chair of the "lead economic development agency" of the county. Under the 1978 act, the authority was given a three-year existence with two one-year extensions by the legislature permitted. The bill retains that language from the act.

(The base conversion authority act allows the governor to create an authority within the Department of Commerce by executive order upon the resolution of the appropriate county board or boards of commissioners and upon notification by the U.S. government that a federal military installation is to be closed. The act says: "The authority shall effect an orderly and expeditious transition of the military installation operations to civilian activities and coordinate the efforts by governmental units, state agencies, federal agencies, civic organizations, and the public in the transition process." The act gives the authority the powers of a home rule city, including the hiring of police, firefighters, maintenance staff, and others and the ability to develop and dispose of property, as well as provide various utility services.)

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