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## REVISE COMMUNITY CENTER REQUIREMENTS

**House Bill 5706**

**Sponsor: Rep. Cameron Brown**

**Committee: Local Government and Urban  
Policy**

**Complete to 5-4-00**

### **A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5706 AS INTRODUCED 5-2-00**

House Bill 5706 would amend Public Act 199 of 1929, which authorizes villages and townships with a population of less than 10,000 people to levy a tax for community centers if the question is submitted to the voters. The bill would provide an alternate way to establish a board of directors for the community center.

Currently under the law, after a village or township votes to establish a community center, the governing body of the jurisdiction appoints six directors to staggered terms (two for one year, two for two years, and two for three years), and then annually two directors are elected to three-year terms (or until their successors are elected and qualified).

House Bill 5706 specifies that in the alternative, the governing body of a village or township could by resolution provide that at the next regular election, and then every two years, there be elected a community board of six directors who would hold office for two years or until their successors were elected and qualified.

Further and under the bill, if a village or township initially elected directors for three-year terms, its governing body could subsequently adopt a resolution providing for the election of directors every two years for two-year terms. The bill specifies that the resolution would have to provide for the transition of the elective terms from three to two years, as follows.

(a) The offices of the two directors whose terms first expired after the adoption of the resolution would be filled at the next scheduled local, state, or federal election by the election of two directors who would hold office for two years, and then every two years for two years or until their successors were elected and qualified.

(b) The offices of the two directors whose terms next expired after the adoption of the resolution would be filled in the year following the election in subdivision (a), by the election of two directors who would hold office for one year, and then every two years for two year-terms or until their successors were elected and qualified.

(c) The offices of the two directors whose terms last expired after the adoption of the resolution would be filled as described in subdivision (a).

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Finally, the law currently provides that every community center established under this act “shall be free to the use of the inhabitants where located, always subject to reasonable rules and regulations as the community board may adopt”. House Bill 5706 would remove the phrase “free to the use of the inhabitants where located, always”.

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