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House Bill 5843

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Committee: Local Government and Urban
Policy

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5843 AS INTRODUCED 5-25-00

House Bill 5843 would amend Public Act 261 of 1965, which prescribes the powers and duties of county and regional parks and recreation commissions. The bill would require that the county executive be a member of the parks and recreation commission in a county that has a population of more than one million and that elects a county executive.

Currently a county board of supervisors can create a county parks and recreation commission if a resolution is adopted by a two-thirds vote of its members. The bill would update the term 'supervisors', changing it to 'commissioners'.

Further and under the law, the parks and recreation commission consists of the chair of the county road commission (or another road commissioner so designated), the county drain commissioner, the chair of the county planning commission (or another planning commissioner so designated), and seven members appointed by the commissioners, at least one and not more than three of whom must be members of the county board of commissioners. In a county that does not have a county planning commission, then the chair of the regional planning commission serves, if that person is a resident of that county. If not, then the board appoints a member of the regional planning commission who is a resident of the county by a two-thirds vote.

Under House Bill 5843, a county parks and recreation commission would retain these 10 members, except that in a county that had a population of more than one million and that elected a county executive, the county executive (or a designee) would serve instead of the chair of the county planning commission. However, in a county with a population one million or less, the chair of the planning commission (or another planning commissioner so designated) would serve as a member.

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