H.B. 4803 (S-1): FLOOR ANALYSIS

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House Bill 4803 (Substitute S-1 as reported) Sponsor: Representative Mike Green

House Committee: Agriculture and Resource Management Senate Committee: Farming, Agribusiness and Food Systems

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Drain Code to revise and consolidate certain provisions currently in the Code and to do the following: replace references to "drain taxes" with language referring to "special assessments"; require a municipality to give a drain commissioner an opportunity to review construction activities that affected storm water runoff as well as requests to discharge into, connect, or construct a crossing of an established drain; permit a public corporation to petition for a drainage district and construction of a drain; authorize a drain commissioner to determine whether a project was feasible; specify procedures for notifying landowners and public corporations of public hearings of a board of determination, board of review, and drainage board; permit a public corporation or person aggrieved by an order of necessity to appeal to the circuit court; permit a drain commissioner to assess a public corporation for a drain project if the land had been developed with impervious surfaces; increase from \$5,000 to \$10,000 the cost of a project that requires sealed bids; require a drain commissioner to obtain any permits required under the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act or other State or Federal law; require an inspection of a drain constructed, restored, or improved at least every three years; and, repeal specific sections and chapters of the Code.

The bill would take effect April 2, 2001.

MCL 280.1 et al. Legislative Analyst: L. Arasim

FISCAL IMPACT

An estimate of the fiscal impact of this bill is not yet available. The Senate Fiscal Agency is in the process of studying this bill and gathering the information and data needed to provide a reasonable estimate of its fiscal impact.

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