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House Bill 5967 (Substitute H-1 as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Representative Larry Julian
House Committee: Agriculture and Resource Management
Senate Committee: Farming, Agribusiness and Food Systems

CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 114 of 1965, which provides for the Michigan Bean Commission, to do the following:

- Revise the boundaries of certain districts in the State from which members of the Commission are appointed.
- Reduce from 11 to nine the number of members on the Commission by eliminating two of the three current processor members, and eliminate the requirement that a member have been a grower or producer for at least five years before being appointed to the Commission.
- Permit a county producing more than 20% of the State's beans to be divided into two or more districts.
- Increase the grower assessment from five cents per hundredweight to 10 cents per hundredweight.
- Reduce the number of petition signatures needed for a referendum on supplemental assessments or on the termination of the Commission.
- Permit the Commission to develop and dispense to growers certain marketing information, including factors affecting the pricing of beans worldwide.

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Legislative Analyst: L. Arasim

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government. The provision doubling the annual grower assessment from five cents per hundredweight to 10 cents per hundredweight would reflect, in statute, a grower referendum from 1989 that already implemented this change.

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