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House Bill 4022 (Substitute H-2 as passed by the House)  
Sponsor: Representative Ruth Jamnick  
House Committee: Transportation  
Senate Committee: Transportation and Tourism

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### **CONTENT**

**The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to allow a county road commission, a township board, and the Director of the Department of State Police to determine safe road speeds on county highways by a majority vote.**

Under the bill, a township board that desired to be a part of the speed limit-setting process with respect to county highways within that township would have to give written notice to the county road commission, or if none, the county board of commissioners. If the county road commission, the township board, and the Director of the Department determined upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that the speed of vehicular traffic on a county highway was greater or less than was reasonable or safe under the conditions found to exist at an intersection or other place or upon a part of the highway, then the officials, by a majority vote, could establish a reasonable and safe maximum or minimum speed limit at that intersection or on that county highway that would be effective at the times determined, when appropriate signs giving notice of the speed limit were erected at the intersection or other place or part of the highway.

A township board that did not wish to continue as part of the process would have to give written notice to the county road commission, or if none, the county board of commissioners.

Currently, if the State Transportation Commission or a county road commission, with respect to highways under its jurisdiction, and the Department of State Police jointly determine that traffic speed is faster or slower than is reasonable or safe, these officials may determine a reasonable and safe maximum or minimum speed limit. The bill's provisions would be an exception to this procedure.

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Legislative Analyst: Nobuko Nagata

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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