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House Bill 4872 (Substitute S-2 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)
Sponsor: Representative Mike Kowall
House Committee: Local Government and Urban Policy
Senate Committee: Local, Urban and State Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Port Authority Act to change a reference to a county with a population of 2 million or more, to a county with a population of 1.5 million or more; and change a reference to a city with a population of 1 million or more, to a city with a population of 750,000 or more. The bill also would provide for civil and administrative immunity for members of a port authority.

Under the Act, an authority that is established in a county having a population of 2 million or more must consist of the following members:

- One member appointed by the Governor.
- Two members appointed by a majority of the members of the county board of commissioners. The members must be nominated by the commissioners on the board who do not reside within the political boundaries of a city having a population of 1 million or more.
- Two members appointed by the mayor of a city having a population of 1 million or more that is located in the county.

The bill would refer to a county with a population of 1.5 million or more and a city with a population of 750,000 or more.

In addition, the bill provides that to the extent not protected by the immunity conferred under the governmental immunity Act, a member of a port authority who exercised his or her powers in good faith would be immune from civil or administrative liability arising from that conduct, unless the conduct was gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct.

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Legislative Analyst: N. Nagata

FISCAL IMPACT

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

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Fiscal Analyst: D. Zin

constitute an official statement of legislative intent.