

JOINT MUNICIPAL PLANNING ACT

House Bill 4284

Sponsor: Rep. Chris Kolb

Committee: Land Use and Environment

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4284 AS INTRODUCED 2-26-03

House Bill 4284 would create a new act called the Joint Municipal Planning Act, to provide for joint land use planning by certain local units of government. Under the bill, “municipality” would be defined to mean a city, a village, or a township.

The bill would allow each of two or more municipalities’ legislative bodies to adopt an agreement that established a joint planning commission. Their agreement would have to specify all of the following:

- the composition of the commission, including alternate members;
- the members’ qualifications, election or appointment, and terms of office;
- conditions and procedures for removal from office, and for filling vacancies;
- how the operating budget would be shared;
- the commission’s jurisdictional area (which could consist of all or part of the municipalities’ combined territory);
- procedures enabling a municipality to join or withdraw; and
- the applicable planning act whose procedure would be followed when adopting a plan, or when exercising any other power or performing any other duty.

The bill specifies that a joint planning commission could exercise any power and perform any duty under any of the applicable planning acts. In doing so, the commission would be required to follow the procedure provided under the applicable planning act, as specified in the agreement. The bill would define “applicable planning act” to mean either Public Act 285 of 1931 if a city or village is a participating municipality, or Public Act 168 of 1959 if a township is a participating municipality.

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