

Legislative Analysis



TOWNSHIP POLICE AUTHORITIES

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House Bill 5843

Sponsor: Rep. Philip LaJoy

Committee: Local Government and Urban Policy

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5843 AS INTRODUCED 4-29-04

House Bill 5843 would amend Public Act 33 of 1951, which provides police and fire protection for townships, certain incorporated villages, and cities under 15,000 population, to specify that a township board may enter into one or more agreements or contracts to furnish police or fire protection to a city, village, or other township.

Currently under the law, the township board of a township, or the township boards of adjoining townships acting jointly—if funds have been appropriated—may do any of the following: establish and maintain police and fire department; organize and maintain police and fire vehicles; employ and appoint a police chief and fire chief and other police and fire officers, including detectives; make and establish rules and regulations for the government of the police and fire departments, employees, officers, and detectives; care for and manage the motor vehicles, apparatus, equipment, property, and buildings pertaining to the police and fire departments; and, prescribe the powers and duties of the employees, officers, and detectives.

Also under the act, if a township board, or the boards of adjoining townships acting jointly, have organized and are maintaining a police or fire department, they may also contract with townships, villages, or cities that also maintain a police or fire department.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

As written, the bill should have no impact on state revenues.

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