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House Bill 4456 (Substitute H-1 as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Representative Sal Rocca
House Committee: Local Government and Urban Policy
Senate Committee: Local, Urban and State Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 261 of 1965, which prescribes the powers and duties of a county parks and recreation commission, to add a neighborhood representative to a commission.

The Act allows a county board of commissioners to create a county parks and recreation commission, and prescribes the membership of the 10-member commission. The bill provides that for a county with a population over 750,000 but less than 1 million, the county board of commissioners would have to appoint a neighborhood representative as an additional member of the commission. (Presently, only Macomb County meets this population criterion.) The appointee would have to be willing to serve, and be an officer of the homeowners or property owners association that represented the largest geographic area that was located, totally or partially, within 500 feet of the boundary of the most frequently used county park.

If a homeowners or property owners association were not located within 500 feet, or no officer were willing to serve, then the appointee would have to be a resident within a one-half mile area who was willing to serve. If no resident lived within that one-half mile area or no resident were willing to serve, then the appointee would have to be a resident of the city, village, or township in which the park was located, who was willing to serve.

The first appointment of a neighborhood representative would have to be made at least 30 days after the bill's effective date. The first appointee would be appointed for a term ending two years from the following January 1. Subsequent appointees, like other commission members, would be appointed for a three-year term.

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Legislative Analyst: George Towne

FISCAL IMPACT

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

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