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House Bill 4967 (as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Sal Rocca
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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 10-member county parks and recreation commission, and prescribes the membership of the 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 parks and recreation 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 representing the largest geographic area located, totally or partially, within 1,000 feet of the boundary of the most frequently used county park. If a homeowners or property owners association were not located within 1,000 feet of that park, or no officer were willing to serve, then the appointee would have to be a resident living within a one-half mile of the park and willing to serve. If no resident lived within one-half mile of the park 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 within 60 days from the bill's effective date or within 60 days from the date a county qualified for an appointment under the bill. 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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FISCAL IMPACT

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

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