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House Bill 5114 (Substitute H-1 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)

Sponsor: Representative Michael Sak

House Committee: Local Government and Urban Policy

Senate Committee: Local, Urban and State Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 261 of 1966, which provides for the apportionment of county boards of commissioners, to require counties with a population of between 600,000 and 1 million to have 17 to 35 commissioners. Currently, counties with a population over 600,000 must have 25 to 35 commissioners. Under the bill, this would apply to counties with a population over 1 million.

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Legislative Analyst: J.P. Finet

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no impact on State or local revenue and would likely have no impact on local unit expenses. The bill would affect counties that are not charter counties and have a population of more than 600,000. Under the 2000 Census, Macomb, Oakland and Wayne Counties exceed 600,000 in population and, given historical growth rates, Kent County is likely to exceed 600,000 in the 2010 Census. Of those counties, Wayne County is a charter county and thus not affected by the bill. Currently, there is no minimum number of commissioners required for counties that are not charter counties, unless the population exceeds 1 million. The bill would establish a minimum requirement for counties with populations between 600,001 and 1 million, but keep the maximum of 35. Thus, the bill would prevent Macomb and Oakland Counties from reducing the number of county commissioners below 17. Currently, Macomb County has 26 commissioners and Oakland County has 25 commissioners. Similarly, if the population of Kent County exceeded 600,000 in the 2010 Census, the county would not be required to increase the number of county commissioners from the 19 already serving in Kent County, but the bill would prevent Kent County from lowering the number of commissioners below 17.

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