

# Legislative Analysis

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## INTERCOUNTY DRAINAGE BOARDS

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### House Bill 5281

**Sponsor: Rep. Edward Gaffney**

**Committee: Government Operations**

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### A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5281 AS INTRODUCED 10-11-05

The Drain Code provides for the establishment of intercounty drainage boards for drain projects involving more than one county. The board consists of the Director of the Department of Agriculture, who serves as the board chair, and the drain commissioner from each county involved in the project.

The bill would amend Chapter 21 (Intercounty Drains; Public Corporations) of the Drain Code to add that if an intercounty drain project involves a county with a population above one million [Oakland and Wayne] the intercounty drainage board would also include an individual appointed by each drain commissioner. The appointed individual would be an elected official (or his or her designee) of a city, village, or township that is subject to an assessment for the project. The appointment would last two years, and could not be extended unless that person represented the only municipality in the county subject to the assessment.

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