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Senate Bill 945 (Substitute S-2 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)
Sponsor: Senator Laura M. Toy
Committee: Local, Urban and State Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Election Law to allow a county board of commissioners to convert the position of drain commissioner to an elected office or an appointed position in a county with a population of at least 500,000 but not more than 750,000; require a public hearing on the question; and require that a vacancy in the office of county drain commissioner be filled by appointment by a majority vote of the county board of commissioners.

Under the bill, in a county with a population of not less than 500,000 or more than 750,000, the county board of commissioners could by resolution of two-thirds of the commissioners elected and serving convert the position of drain commissioner to an elected office or an appointed position with the consent of the acting drain commissioner. The resolution could not take effect until there was a vacancy in the office of drain commissioner. Any appointment would have to be for a term of four years. If the position were appointed, the appointment would have to be made by a two-thirds majority vote of the board of commissioners.

Before adopting a resolution to create an appointed position of drain commissioner, a county board of commissioners would have to study the question. The requirement could be satisfied by a public hearing.

If a vacancy occurred in the office of county drain commissioner, it would have to be filled by appointment by the majority vote of the county board of commissioners either under Section 209 (which prescribes how a vacancy in an elective or appointive county office must be filled) or under the provision of the bill that would allow a county board of commissioners to convert the position to an elected office or an appointed position.

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Legislative Analyst: J.P. Finet

FISCAL IMPACT

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

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