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House Bill 4227 (as reported by the Committee of the Whole)  
Sponsor: Representative Chris Ward  
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 boards of county commissioners, to allow structured changes in compensation to be phased in over a commissioner's term of office, and allow a change to be made in 2005 to take effect in 2006.

Under the Act, the compensation of members of a county board of commissioners is fixed by resolution of the county board of commissioners, or for a county that has a county officers compensation commission, fixed by a determination of the compensation commission that is not rejected. Changes in compensation become effective only at the time members of the board of commissioners commence their terms of office after a general election, or for a county that has a county officers compensation commission, at the beginning of the first odd-numbered year after the determination is made by the county officers compensation commission and is not rejected.

Under the bill, these provisions could not be construed to prohibit a structured change in compensation implemented in phases over a commissioner's term of office.

The bill also provides that a change in compensation could be made in 2005 to be effective on or after January 1, 2006. Otherwise, a change in compensation would become effective only after the time members of the board of commissioners commenced their terms of office after a general election, provided that it was voted upon before the commencement of the new terms of office, or for a county with a county officers compensation commission, after the beginning of the first odd-numbered year after the determination was made by the compensation commission and was not rejected.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State government. The bill would increase or decrease expenditures in counties that chose to use the bill's provisions. Local revenue would be unaffected.

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