

Legislative Analysis



CHARTER TOWNSHIPS OVER 20,000: CANNOT BE ANNEXED; CANNOT DETACH

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House Bill 5779

Sponsor: Rep. Marc Corriveau

House Bill 5859

Sponsor: Rep. Mark Meadows

Committee: Intergovernmental, Urban and Regional Affairs

Complete to 3-5-08

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 5779 AS INTRODUCED 2-21-08 AND HOUSE BILL 5859 AS INTRODUCED 3-4-08

House Bill 5779 would amend the Charter Township Act (MCL 42.34) to specify that a charter township with a population of more than 20,000 is exempt from annexation and is not permitted to detach territory.

This would apply if the charter township meets the following requirements (currently found in the act for limited protection against annexation): (1) has a state equalized valuation of at least \$25 million; (2) has a minimum population density of 150 persons per square mile; (3) provides fire protection services; (4) is governed by a comprehensive zoning ordinance or master plan; (5) provides solid waste disposal services to township residents; (6) provides water and/or sewer services; (7) provides police protection.

House Bill 5859 would amend the Home Rule City Act (MCL 117.9b) to specify that a charter township of the kind described in House Bill 5779 could not detach territory from a city. House Bill 5859 is tie-barred to House Bill 5779; that is, it could not take effect unless House Bill 5779 is also enacted.

FISCAL IMPACT:

A fiscal analysis is in process.

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