

Legislative Analysis



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Senate Bill 726 as passed by the Senate

Sponsor: Sen. Patricia L. Birkholz

House Committee: Intergovernmental and Regional Affairs

Senate Committee: Local, Urban, and State Affairs

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A SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 726 AS PASSED BY THE SENATE 9-22-09

The bill would amend the Michigan Planning Enabling Act to specify that members of a planning commission would have to be qualified electors of a local unit of government.

The act does not at present require that all members of the commission be qualified electors. Instead, the act requires members of a local unit's planning commission to be qualified electors of the local unit, but permits exceptions, by specifying that the following number of members may be individuals who are not qualified electors of that local unit:

- Three, in a city that on September 1, 2008, had a population of more than 2,700 but less than 2,800.
- Two, in a city or village that has, or on September 1, 2008, had, a population of less than 5,000.
- One, in other local units of government.

Under Senate Bill 726 (S-1), all members of a planning commission would have to be registered electors, either in the local unit of government where the planning commission exercises its authority, or in another local unit of government.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

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

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