

Legislative Analysis



PUBLIC OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES: DUAL POSITIONS FOR FIRE CHIEFS

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House Bill 4458

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Committee: Oversight, Reform, and Ethics

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4458 AS INTRODUCED 3-22-11

House Bill 4458 would amend Public Act 566 of 1978 (MCL 15.183), which prescribes standards of conduct for public officers and employees, to permit a public officer or employee to also serve as a fire chief in municipalities having a population of 3,000 or fewer people.

Current law prohibits the holding of incompatible public offices in order to avoid conflicts of interest, but specifies several exceptions. House Bill 4458 would add an exemption so as to include fire chiefs in small jurisdictions. Specifically, the act would not prohibit a public officer or public employee of a city, village, township, or county with a population of less than 3,000 from serving, with or without compensation, as a fire chief in that city, village, township or county.

FISCAL IMPACT:

As written, the bill would have no state fiscal impact, but could potentially reduce costs for a small local unit to the extent that the same individual held more than one post without receiving additional compensation.

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