

Legislative Analysis



RESORT DISTRICT REHABILITATION ACT

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House Bill 4208

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Committee: Local Government

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4208 AS INTRODUCED 2-7-13

The bill would amend the Resort District Rehabilitation Act (MCL 125. 2202 & 2206).

Under that act, a township can create a resort district in order "to halt or prevent property deterioration or increase property valuation . . . or . . . to eliminate the causes of that deterioration." A district can levy a millage of up to three mills on real and personal property and can issue bonds to finance a rehabilitation plan.

The kinds of rehabilitation projects listed in the act for such authorities include road construction and maintenance, street lighting, sanitary and storm sewers, storm water drainage, flood control, and garbage collection.

House Bill 4208 would make the following changes to the act:

**** Section 6 of the act describes the board that would supervise and control an authority. The act currently says the board is to consist of two elected officials of the township, one individual designated by the industrial or commercial facility in the township with the highest state equalized valuation, and two residents of an area that is or was a resort association as described in Section 2(f).**

House Bill 4208 would replace the underlined language about board membership and specify instead that two of the members be residents of the resort district.

**** The definition of "resort district" would be amended. Currently, that definition, in Section 2(f) refers to an area that encompasses a natural geographic feature (such as an inland lake or Great Lakes shoreline) where *a portion of the area is land that is or was part of a resort association incorporated under one of several cited statutes*. The statutes listed are acts governing summer resort and park associations, PA 230 of 1897; summer resort and assembly associations, PA 39 of 1889; suburban homestead, villa park and summer resort associations, PA 69 of 1887; and the incorporation of summer resort owners, PA 137 of 1929.**

House Bill 4208 would add two statutes to that list: the General Corporation Act, PA 327 of 1931; and the Nonprofit Corporation Act, PA 162 of 1982.

**** Also, in the definition of "rehabilitation," where the act now refers to "storm water drainage," the bill would refer instead to "storm water drainage facilities."**

FISCAL IMPACT:

As written, the bill would appear to have no state or local fiscal impact.

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