

Legislative Analysis



CHARTER COMMISSIONERS FOR COUNTIES WITH POPULATION OVER 600,000

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House Bill 5457

Sponsor: Rep. Marilyn Lane

Committee: Local Government

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5457 AS INTRODUCED 4-17-14

House Bill 5457 would amend the Michigan Charter Counties Act to modify the number of charter commissioners required for counties having a population greater than 600,000 people, changing the requirement from "25 to 35" to "not more than 35." (This applies to Macomb County.) A more detailed description of the bill follows.

Now under the law, a county's apportionment commission sets the number of charter commissioners to be elected for a county. The resolution must specify that a candidate for election be a qualified elector in the charter commission candidate's district, having lived there for not less than six months. House Bill 5457 would retain these provisions. When a county's apportionment commission sets the number of charter commissioners the law requires they meet the following requirements:

- counties having a population under 5,001 are limited to not more than seven charter commissioners;
- counties having 5,001 to 10,000 people are limited to not more than 11;
- counties having 10,001 to 50,000 people are limited to not more than 15;
- counties having 50,001 to 600,000 people are limited to not more than 21; and,
- counties having a population over 600,000 people must have between 25 and 35 charter commissioners.

House Bill 5457 would modify this final provision to require that counties having a population over 600,000 have *not more than 35* charter commissioners.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

A fiscal analysis is in process.

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