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House Bill 5457 (as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Marilyn Lane
House Committee: Local Government
Senate Committee: Local Government and Elections

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CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 293 of 1966, which provides for the establishment of charter counties, to revise the number of charter commissioners that must be elected in a county with a population of more than 600,000.

The Act authorizes a county, by majority vote of its commissioners or by petition of 5% of its registered voters, to adopt a resolution to submit to the electorate the question of electing a charter commission to frame a county charter and submit it to the county's voters. The Act specifies a range in the number of commissioners who must be elected, depending on the county's population.

For a county with a population of more than 600,000, the Act requires the election of 25 to 35 charter commissioners. The bill would change that requirement to 13 to 35 charter commissioners.

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Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State government. The option included in the bill for a county with a population in excess of 600,000 to have a smaller charter commission would tend to reduce the cost of such a commission for an eligible county that determined to establish a charter commission with a number of commissioners less than the current minimum of 25.

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