Legislative Analysis

BOARD OF REVIEW HEARINGS

House Bill 6090 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Joseph Bellino
Committee: Local Government
Complete to 6-5-18

SUMMARY:

House Bill 6090 would amend the County Public Improvement Act of 1939 to provide that board of review meetings for the purpose of reviewing rates, charges, or assessments would be held as needed rather than on designated dates twice a year.

Currently, a county board of review reviews and issues final determinations on actions of county agencies in fixing or adjusting charges, upon the request of any unit of government, person, firm, or corporation charged for services rendered by a county acting under the Act (as long as the requesting party shows sufficient cause or the board receives sufficient supporting information). The board's main goal is to adjust and correct rates, charges, or assessments to ensure that they are just and equitable.

Now, the board must meet from 3:00 p.m.to 5:00 p.m. on the second Monday and the two days following in May and September of each year (with the possibility of additional time granted).

Instead, the bill would require the board to meet within 60 days of a written request to review rates, charges, or assessments, with sufficient time allowed for the hearing.

Currently and under the bill, notice of the hearings must be posted at two public places in the municipality where rates, charges, or assessments are charged under the Act at least 7 days before a hearing.

MCL 46.176

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

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