



**House
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WASTE MANAGEMENT FEES ON TAX ROLLS

**House Bill 5355 (Substitute H-2)
House Bill 5980 as introduced
First Analysis (9-26-90)**

**Sponsor: Rep. Willis Bullard, Jr.
Committee: Taxation**

THE APPARENT PROBLEM:

The Waste Management and Resource Recovery Finance Act of 1978 allows municipalities to bid out waste management programs to private companies. The act provides that if users and beneficiaries of the services in a community are three months or more delinquent in paying their fees, then the fees can be entered upon the next tax roll. Some municipalities have suggested that such fees, like some other kinds of special assessments, be entered directly on the tax roll and be treated like property taxes, with delinquencies turned over to the county treasurer.

THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:

House Bill 5980 would amend the Waste Management and Resource Recovery Act of 1978 to allow fees for waste management services to be entered directly on the tax roll to be collected as property taxes are collected. If such fees are not paid before February 15, they would be returned as delinquent to the county treasurer in the same manner as delinquent taxes. House Bill 5355 would amend Public Act 188 of 1954, which deals with township public improvements and special assessments, to allow special assessments under that act to be added to the tax roll and collected in the same manner as property taxes.

MCL 41.727 et al. (House Bill 5355)
MCL 123.315 (House Bill 5980)

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

Fiscal information is not available.

ARGUMENTS:

For:

The bill would streamline the process by which certain fees or special assessments for waste management services are collected by making them part of the property tax roll and having them collected in the same manner as property taxes. This is already permitted, township representatives say, for some other kinds of special assessments.

POSITIONS:

The Michigan Municipal League supports the bill. (9-26-90)

H.B.s 5355 & 5980 (9-26-90)