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**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, 5-MEMBER BOARD**

House Bill 4693 with committee amendments  
First Analysis (10-28-87)

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Sponsor: Rep. Robert Bender  
Committee: Towns and Counties

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***THE APPARENT PROBLEM:***

Current law provides that a board of public works shall consist of seven or nine members. Included in these nine members is the county drain commissioner. Some small counties, however, do not have enough committee work to justify the expense of seven or nine members, and some do not have a drain commissioner.

***THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:***

The bill would amend the act to allow a county to have a public works board of five, seven or nine members, and to allow a county board of commissioners to appoint an additional member in cases where the county does not have a drain commissioner.

MCL 123.732

***FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:***

The House Fiscal Agency reports that the bill would result in savings to counties in amounts equal to the per diem allowances presently provided for. (10-27-87)

***ARGUMENTS:***

***For:***

Allowing counties the option of having five, seven or nine members makes sense, since it would allow small counties to save the per diem allowance presently required for nine members.

***POSITIONS:***

The Michigan Association of Counties supports the bill.  
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