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**House Bill 4693 (as reported without amendment)**

Sponsor: Representative Robert Bender

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***RATIONALE***

Public Act 185 of 1957 currently provides that a county board of public works must consist of seven or nine members, including a county drain commissioner. Because some counties do not have enough committee work to justify a larger board, some people believe the Act should be amended to permit these counties to appoint smaller boards of public works.

***CONTENT***

The bill would amend Public Act 185 of 1957 to permit five-, seven-, or nine-member boards of public works, which would have to include the county drain commissioner unless a county did not have a drain commissioner. Counties without a drain commissioner would be required to appoint an additional member. Under current law, the seven- or nine-member boards must consist of six or eight appointed members plus the county drain commissioner. Under the bill, counties would appoint four, six, or eight members; if they had no drain commissioner, however, they would appoint the entire Board.

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***FISCAL IMPACT***

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

***ARGUMENTS******Supporting Argument***

Some counties do not have enough work for the board of public works to justify a larger board. Under the bill, these counties would be likely to save some revenue in regard to per diem allowances. The bill also would recognize the fact that not all counties have a drain commissioner.

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