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House Bill 4034 (Substitute H-1 as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Representative James M. Middaugh

House Committee: Local Government

Senate Committee: Local, Urban and State Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 285 of 1931, which provides for the creation and organization of city, village, and municipal planning commissions, to permit a planning commission of five, seven, or nine members in a municipality (city, village, or township) with a population of less than 5,000. The size of the commission would be determined by the local legislative body. One member of the commission would have to be a member of the legislative body, and would serve as an ex officio member.

Currently, a planning commission is required to consist of nine members. Under the bill, the planning commission of a municipality with a population of less than 5,000 could consist of five, seven, or nine members, as determined by the municipality's legislative body. One of the members would have to be a member of the legislative body to be selected by resolution of that body to serve as an ex officio member. The remainder of the members would have to be appointed by the mayor, subject to the approval of the legislative body by majority vote. The bill specifies that all ex officio members appointed under the bill would have full voting rights. All appointed members of the commission could be compensated at a rate to be determined by the appointing or legislative body.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would reduce local unit costs associated with a planning commission to the degree that local units with a population less than 5,000 reduced the number of planning commission members. The bill would have no State fiscal impact.

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