

Legislative Analysis



STAGGERED TERMS: HOME RULE VILLAGES; HOME RULE CITIES; AND VILLAGES

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Senate Bills 516-518 as passed by the Senate

Sponsor: Sen. Jason E. Allen

House Committee: House Oversight, Elections, and Ethics

Senate Committee: Government Operations

Complete to 6-7-05

A SUMMARY OF SENATE BILLS 516 - 518 AS PASSED BY THE SENATE 6-1-05

The bills would amend various acts to specify that, notwithstanding any charter provision (or in the case of a village, a provision of the General Law Village Act), a home rule village, a home rule city, and a village could pass a resolution (or in the case of a village, an ordinance) to provide for the terms of office of their elected officials and for the terms to be staggered. The initial terms could be longer than allowed under the charter (or in the case of a village, the General Law Village Act) in order to facilitate the staggering of terms.

Notwithstanding any charter provisions (or in the case of a village, provisions of the General Law Village Act), the local units also could pass a resolution (or in the case of a village, an ordinance) to provide for any election provision that was consistent with the Michigan Election Law.

Senate Bill 516 would amend the Home Rule Village Act (MCL 78.24d). Senate Bill 517 would amend the Home Rule City Act (MCL 117.3b). Senate Bill 518 would amend the General Law Village Act (MCL 61.5a).

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bills would have no fiscal impact on state or local government.

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