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BILL ANALYSIS

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Senate Bills 516, 517, and 518 (as enrolled)  
Sponsor: Senator Jason E. Allen  
Senate Committee: Government Operations  
House Committee: House Oversight, Elections, and Ethics

**PUBLIC ACTS 63, 64, & 65 of 2005**

Date Completed: 7-14-06

**CONTENT**

**Senate Bills 516, 517, and 518 amended the Home Rule Village Act, the Home Rule City Act, and the General Law Village Act, respectively, to allow villages and cities regulated by those Acts to provide for staggered terms for local elected officials.**

Specifically, the bills permit a village or city to pass a resolution to provide for the terms of office of its elected officials and for the terms to be staggered. Under Senate Bills 516 and 517, this applies notwithstanding any charter provision. Under Senate Bill 518, this applies notwithstanding any other provision of the General Law Village Act.

Until December 31, 2006, the initial terms established under the resolution may be longer than allowed under the charter or the Act, as applicable, in order to facilitate the staggering of terms.

The bills also allow a village or city to pass a resolution providing for any election provision that is consistent with the Michigan Election Law, notwithstanding any charter provision (under Senate Bills 516 and 517) or notwithstanding any other provision of the Act (under Senate Bill 518).

The bills took effect on July 7, 2005.

MCL 78.24d (S.B. 516)  
MCL 117.3b (S.B. 517)  
MCL 62.5a (S.B. 518)

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bills will have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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