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## BILL ANALYSIS



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House Bill 4315 (Substitute H-2 as passed by the House)

House Bill 4316 (Substitute H-2 as passed by the House)

House Bill 4317 (as passed the House)

Sponsor: Representative Jacob Hoogendyk (H.B. 4315)

Representative Edward Gaffney (H.B. 4316)

Representative Alexander C. Lipsey (H.B. 4317)

House Committee: Transportation

Senate Committee: Transportation

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### **CONTENT**

**House Bills 4315 (H-2) and 4316 (H-2) would amend the county road law and Public Act 293 of 1966 (which deals with charter counties), respectively, to require that county road commissions have between three and five members (rather than three members).**

**House Bill 4317 would amend Public Act 139 of 1973 (which provides for optional unified county governments) to require that members of a county road commission be appointed as provided under the county road law.**

House Bills 4315 (H-2) and 4316 (H-2) are described below.

Under the county road law, a board of county road commissioners consisting of three members must be elected by the people of a county where the county road system is adopted. Under House Bill 4315 (H-2), a board of county road commissioners would have to consist of at least three but not more than five members.

Public Act 293 of 1966 requires a county charter to provide for the creation of a three-member county road commission. Under House Bill 4316 (H-2), a county road commission would have to consist of at least three but not more than five members.

Under both bills, the county board of commissioners could increase or decrease the number of county road commissioners if it received a resolution from the county road commission requesting the increase or decrease. The county board of commissioners would have to confirm or deny the resolution within 60 business days of receiving it. Should the county board of commissioners fail to act within that time frame, the resolution would not be considered agreed to by the county board of commissioners and could not take effect.

Also, under the bills, the county board of commissioners could by resolution provide for staggered terms of office for the road commissioners so that not more than two road commissioners' terms expired in the same year.

MCL 224.6 (H.B. 4315)  
45.514 (H.B. 4316)  
45.562 (H.B. 4317)

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## **FISCAL IMPACT**

### **House Bills 4315 and 4316**

The bills would have no effect on State revenue or expenditures. The bills would have no effect on local unit revenue but would increase local unit expenditures by an unknown and likely insignificant amount. The impact would depend on how many counties chose to increase the number of road commissioners and the costs of compensating those additional commissioners. However, the bills would permit a maximum increase of two members per commission.

### **House Bill 4317**

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

This estimate is preliminary and will be revised as new information becomes available.

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