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House Bill 6124

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Committee: Intergovernmental and Regional Affairs

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 6124 AS INTRODUCED 5-4-10

House Bill 6124 would amend Public Act 156 of 1851, which concerns the powers and duties of county boards of commissioners, to modify the ways in which county commissioners publicly post the minutes of their board meetings, so as to include the options of posting the minutes on the county website and of mailing copies of the minutes electronically upon request and free of charge.

Now under the law (at MCL 46.9), county commissioners must make a report of their proceedings immediately after each session, and do so in one of the following ways:

- Publish the full report in at least one well-established newspaper.
- Publish a synopsis of the proceedings in at least one well-established newspaper, including a statement that the full report is available from the office of the county clerk upon request.
- Make the report available, as soon as possible after each session, in the office of the county clerk for public inspection and copying without charge, mail copies of the report upon request without charge, and advertise in at least one well-established newspaper that the report is available from the office of the county clerk.

House Bill 6124 would retain these provisions, but expand the third option so that it would read:

- Make the report available, as soon as possible after each session, in the office of the county clerk for public inspection and copying without charge, *electronically mail copies of the report upon request without charge, mail copies of the report upon request without charge, post a copy of the report on the county's website, if available,* and advertise that the report is available from the office of the county clerk, in at least one well-established newspaper.

FISCAL IMPACT:

As written, the bill would have no significant state or local impact.

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