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BILL ANALYSIS



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House Bill 4212 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
House Bill 4215 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Representative Roger Victory
House Committee: Local Government
Senate Committee: Local Government

CONTENT

House Bill 4212 (S-1) would amend Public Act 156 of 1851, which governs county boards of commissioners, to extend the deadline for a county board of commissioners to pass a resolution dissolving an appointed board of county road commissioners and transferring its duties to the county board of commissioners, or referring to the voters the question of dissolving and transferring the duties of an elected board of county road commissioners. Currently, those actions must have occurred before January 1, 2015. Under the bill, they would have to occur before January 1, 2020.

In addition, under the Act, if a board of county road commissioners is dissolved as described above and the county board of commissioners subsequently determines that a board of county road commissioners would provide a cost savings to the county and would better meet the needs of the county residents, the board of commissioners may submit to the voters the question of adopting a county road system with a board of county road commissioners. Under the bill, the county board of commissioners could either submit that question to the voters or adopt, by majority vote of its members, a county road system with a board of county road commissioners.

House Bill 4215 (S-1) would amend Public Act 283 of 1909, the county road law, to extend a requirement for the transfer of the duties of a board of county road commissioners to a county board of commissioners. Currently, the transfer must have occurred before January 1, 2015. Under the bill, the transfer would have to occur before January 1, 2020.

The bills are tie-barred.

MCL 46.11 (H.B. 4212)
224.6 (H.B. 4215)

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bills have the potential to reduce the cost of local government by reinstating until January 1, 2020, the option to transfer duties from a county road commission to the county board of commissioners under procedures specified in statute. The decision to exercise this option would be made locally and in some cases would require approval of the electorate. The bill also would allow a county board of commissioners to return to a county road commission system by a vote of the county board of commissioners. The amount of any savings from these changes in organization would depend on local circumstances.

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