



**House
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Analysis
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TOWNSHIP COMMISSION MEETINGS

**House Bill 4293 as introduced
First Analysis (2-23-95)**

**Sponsor: Rep. James Ryan
Committee: Local Government**

THE APPARENT PROBLEM:

Public Act 246 of 1965 provides for the establishment of township civil service systems and creates local civil service commissions. The act requires that such commissions meet each month. Some township representatives say monthly meetings are not always necessary and that it would make more sense, and save money, for local commissions to be able to meet less often.

THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:

The bill would amend Public Act 246 of 1965, which deals with township civil service systems, to require that the local civil service commission hold a regular meeting at least quarterly (rather than, as now, at least once per month). The bill also would require a commission to hold a special meeting at the request of a commissioner.

MCL 38.457

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

The bill has no fiscal implications, according to the House Fiscal Agency. (2-17-95)

ARGUMENTS:

For:

The bill would permit township civil service commissions to meet less frequently. There is no need to require a monthly meeting, say township representatives. The commission in Redford Township, for example, had no business to conduct at four of its monthly meetings last year, according to a letter from the commission's chair. The bill would require commissions to meet at least quarterly and would permit more frequent meetings when needed. Under the bill, a township would have to hold a meeting at the request of one of the commissioners.

POSITIONS:

The Michigan Townships Association supports the bill. (2-22-95)

The Redford Township Employees' Civil Service Commission supports the bill. (2-15-95)

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