



Senate Fiscal Agency
P. O. Box 30036
Lansing, Michigan 48909-7536

BILL



ANALYSIS

Telephone: (517) 373-5383
Fax: (517) 373-1986

House Bill 4293 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Representative James Ryan
House Committee: Local Government
Senate Committee: Local, Urban, and State Affairs

Date Completed: 4-27-95

RATIONALE

Public Act 246 of 1965 provides for the establishment of civil service systems in certain townships and the creation of a civil service commission in those townships. The Act requires that those commissions meet each month. Some township representatives contend that monthly meetings may not always be necessary. They believe that local township commissions should be required to meet less frequently and be allowed to call other unscheduled meetings as requested by individual commissioners.

requiring that a township hold a meeting at the request of one of the commissioners, the bill would accommodate situations in which pressing matters arose well before a scheduled quarterly meeting.

Legislative Analyst: P. Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no impact on State government. The bill would potentially save administrative costs for local units.

Fiscal Analyst: R. Ross

CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 246 of 1965 to require a township civil service commission to hold a regular meeting at least quarterly, rather than at least monthly. The commission would have to hold a special meeting at the request of a commissioner.

MCL 38.457

ARGUMENTS

(Please note: The arguments contained in this analysis originate from sources outside the Senate Fiscal Agency. The Senate Fiscal Agency neither supports nor opposes legislation.)

Supporting Argument

It is not necessary to require a monthly meeting of a township civil service commission. Some of these commissions apparently have no need to meet that often. The commission in Redford Township, for example, reportedly had no business to conduct at four of its monthly meetings last year. The bill would require, instead, that commissions meet at least quarterly and would permit more frequent meetings when needed. By

H9596\S4293A

This analysis was prepared by nonpartisan Senate staff for use by the Senate in its deliberations and does not constitute an official statement of legislative intent.