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DRAIN BOARDS: ADD PUBLIC CEOS

House Bill 5088

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Minerals**

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5088 AS INTRODUCED 8-22-91

Currently, under the Drain Code, intercounty drain projects can be initiated by a petition to the director of the Department of Agriculture (MDA) by two or more public corporations which would be subject to assessments to pay the costs of the project. The code defines "public corporation" to include the state, counties, cities, villages, townships, metropolitan districts and authorities created by or under state laws. Each intercounty drain project has a drainage board consisting of the director of the MDA and the drain commissioner of each county involved in the project, and an "augmented" drainage board consisting of the members of the drainage board plus the chairs of the boards of "supervisors" (i.e. commissioners) and auditors of each county involved. Any member of a county board of "supervisors" serving on an augmented drainage board receives compensation, mileage, and expenses from the augmented drainage board (with a maximum of \$25 a day exclusive of mileage and expenses) for attending augmented drainage board meetings.

The bill would amend the Drain Code to require that drainage boards for intercounty drain projects include not only the director of the MDA and the drain commissioner of each county involved but also the chief executive officer (CEO) of each public corporation--other than the state itself or a county--that might be assessed for the project. The bill would allow the drainage board to provide compensation of up to \$25 a day and mileage and expenses to CEOs for attending drainage board meetings. The bill also would allow--but no longer require--augmented drainage boards to provide compensation (of up to \$25 a day), mileage, and expenses to members of the augmented board attending augmented board meetings. Finally, the bill would make a number of language changes (such as changing the reference from the "county board of supervisors" to the "county board of commissioners"), including language changes necessary to accommodate the inclusion of CEOs of public corporations on drainage boards.

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