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House Bill 4740 (Substitute H-1 as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Edward McBroom
House Committee: Local Government
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CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 178 of 1929, which provides for the establishment, operation, and control of joint county medical care facilities, to revise the number of the members of a facility's board of trustees, and require county boards of commissioners to determine the criteria for appointment to a facility's board.

The Act allows two or more counties, each with a population of less than 1 million, to cooperate for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a joint county medical care facility. Each county board of commissioners must name three members of the social welfare board of their respective counties, to serve as members of the board of trustees of the joint county medical care facility. Each county board of commissioners must appoint trustees for identical terms and the appointees must qualify in the same manner as is provided for the office of a member of the county social welfare board.

The bill would delete the requirement that the appointees be members of the social welfare board. The requirement that trustees qualify as provided for members of the county social welfare board would apply only until the bill's effective date. On and after that date, each county board of commissioners would have to appoint individuals who qualified based on criteria established by the board of commissioners.

Within 30 days after the bill's effective date, for a joint county medical care facility existing on that date, each county board of commissioners would have to appoint one individual to serve as an additional member of the board of trustees. A member of the board of trustees who held that office on the bill's effective date could continue in office until he or she resigned or otherwise vacated the office, or until his or her term expired.

For an appointment to a joint county medical care facility's board of trustees, or for an appointment to fill a vacancy in the board of trustees that occurred after the bill's effective date, the county board of commissioners responsible for appointing the member or filling the vacancy would have to appoint an individual who qualified based upon criteria established by the board of commissioners.

For a joint county medical care facility that existed on the bill's effective date, both of the following would apply to the county board of commissioners responsible for filling a vacancy attributable to a member of the board of trustees who held that office on the bill's effective date:

- The board of commissioners would have to appoint an individual to fill a vacancy attributable to each of the first two members of the board of trustees to vacate the office.
- The board of commissioners could not appoint an individual to fill a vacancy attributable to the last of the three members of the board of trustees to vacate the office.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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