

Legislative Analysis



NONPARTISAN ELECTION OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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House Bill 5273 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Kevin Hertel
Committee: Elections and Ethics
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 5273 would amend 1966 PA 293, which governs charter counties, to introduce the option for a county executive to be elected on a nonpartisan basis in certain situations.

The act provides that, for counties with a population of 1.5 million or more, the charter commission must approve two alternative charter proposals, which are then voted on by the electorate. Currently, one of those proposals must provide for a county executive elected on a partisan basis and one must provide for a chief administrative officer selected by the county board of commissioners.

The bill would provide that the county executive could be elected on a partisan *or nonpartisan* basis.

Additionally, it would provide that, for counties with a population of less than 1.5 million, a salaried county executive could be elected on a partisan *or nonpartisan* basis.

A county with an elected county executive could amend or revise its charter to provide for the nonpartisan option.

MCL 45.511a and 45.514 and proposed MCL 45.514b

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the state or local units of government.

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