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COUNTY COMMISSIONER TERMS

**House Bills 4828 and 4829
Sponsor: Rep. Thomas C. Mathieu
Committee: Local Government**

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 4828 AND 4829 AS INTRODUCED 5-16-95

House Bill 4828 would amend Public Act 261 of 1966 (MCL 46.410 and 46.412), which deals with county boards of commissioners, to specify (1) that county commissioners would be elected at the general November election in 1996 and every four years thereafter; and (2) that a person could not be elected to the office of county commissioner in a particular county more than twice. The term of each county commissioner would be four years and would begin on January 1 immediately following the election. Currently, the act says that the terms of county commissioners are to be concurrent with that of state representative. That provision would be eliminated.

House Bill 4829 would make complementary amendments to Public Act 293 of 1966 (MCL 45.514), which deals with charter counties. That act currently says that a county charter must provide for, among other things, "the election of a legislative body . . . whose term of office shall be concurrent with that of state representatives." That language would be deleted. Public Act 293 says a county board of commissioners in a charter county is subject to Section 10 of Public Act 261 of 1966, which is the section amended by House Bill 4828.

House Bill 4828 also specifies that a person appointed or elected to fill a vacancy for a period of greater than two years would be considered to have been elected to serve once in the office of county commissioner for purposes of the term limitation. The limitation on terms would apply to offices beginning after January 1, 1997.

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