

House Bill 5611

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5611 AS INTRODUCED 2-25-98

Currently, county road commissions have jurisdiction for local and primary road systems, except that a county road commission in a county having more than 500,000 people may contract with a township board on an annual basis for road maintenance. House Bill 5611 would amend the Michigan Transportation Fund act to require a county road commission to divide its county local road funds among the townships in a specified manner and subject to certain conditions.

Three-Year Plans. In order to specify how local road funds would be used in its jurisdiction, a township would be required to file a three-year plan before October 1 of any year, with the board of county road commissioners. In that plan, the township would be required to identify the projects it proposed to fund, and to provide for the township to match the amount allocated. The bill also would require the county road commission to retain the funds it would distribute to townships in a separate account. In any year a township did not file a plan, the amount allocated to that township would be divided on a pro rata basis among the other townships submitting plans. The bill specifies that funds not spent by a township within three years would revert back to the county road commission.

Funding. House Bill 5611 would not alter either 1) the amount of a county's allocation to be used on county primary or local roads in urban areas (currently 10 percent), or 2) the amount of a county's allocation to be used on county local road systems (currently four percent). However, under House Bill 5611, the county road commission would be required to divide the local road funds (currently four percent) among the townships within the county as follows: 65 percent of the county's allocation would be allocated to the township for those roads in the same proportion that total mileage in the township bears to total mileage in the county; and 35 percent of the county's allocation for those roads would be allocated to the township in the same proportion that total population in the township (outside of the incorporated villages and cities) bears to the total population of the county (outside of incorporated villages and cities), using the most recent federal census.

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