

Legislative Analysis



DETROIT POPULATION THRESHOLD: ARSON INVESTIGATOR AS POLICE OFFICER

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House Bill 5423

Sponsor: Rep. Thomas F. Stallworth, III

Committee: Local, Intergovernmental, and Regional Affairs

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5423 AS INTRODUCED 2-21-12

Under the Commission on Law Enforcement Standards Act, a city with a population of at least 750,000 can include a fire arson investigator from a fire department within its definition of "police officer" or "law enforcement officer," if the investigator is sworn and fully empowered by the city chief of police. The bill would lower the population threshold to 600,000. This would continue to apply only to Detroit, whose population fell below 750,000 in the most recent decennial census.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

As written, the bill would leave current practices in place.

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