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House Bills 4366 and 4367 (as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Representative Margaret O'Brien (H.B. 4366)

Representative Sean McCann (H.B. 4367)

House Committee: Transportation

Senate Committee: Transportation

### **CONTENT**

House Bill 4366 would amend Public Act 566 of 1978, which prohibits public officers and employees from holding incompatible public offices, to allow a person to serve on two public transportation authorities that consisted of the same political subdivision.

House Bill 4367 would amend the Public Transportation Authority Act to allow Kalamazoo County to form more than one transportation authority.

The Act allows a political subdivision (a county, city, village, or township) or a combination of two or more political subdivisions to form a public authority. The bill also would allow a county with a population between 240,000 and 255,000 to form more than one public authority. (The only county meeting that criterion is Kalamazoo County.)

Currently, a city, village, or township that forms a public transportation authority by itself or with other political subdivisions may provide that only a portion of the city, village, or township will become part of the authority. The bill would extend this provision to a county.

(An authority formed under the Act may acquire, own, construct, improve, and operate public transportation services by means of public transportation systems and facilities. The Act allows an authority to finance its activities by various means, including a voter-approved property tax of up to five mills, special assessments, and the issuance of bonds or notes.)

MCL 15.183 (H.B. 4366)  
124.454 (H.B. 4367)

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

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

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