
**State Government, Elections &
Information Technology Committee**

HB 1999

Brief Description: Concerning elections in port districts that are coextensive with a county having a population of over one-half million.

Sponsors: Representatives Gregerson, Stokesbary, Ryu, Hudgins, Cody, Pollet, Santos, Senn, Springer, Fitzgibbon, McBride, Stanford, Kagi and Slatter.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Establishes requirements for certain port districts and commissions

Hearing Date: 2/15/17

Staff: Megan Palchak (786-7105).

Background:

Port districts are established in various counties of the state to acquire, construct, maintain, operate, develop, and regulate rail or motor vehicle transfer and terminal facilities, water transfer and terminal facilities, air transfer and terminal facilities or any combination transfer and terminal facilities and other commercial transportation, transfer, handling, storage and terminal facilities, and industrial improvements. Powers of the port district must be exercised within the district, through a port commission consisting of five members.

Summary of Bill:

Beginning in 2019, port districts must be divided into the same commissioner districts as the county legislative authority districts when the port district has five members and is coextensive with a county whose population is over one and one-half million.

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Commissioners must reside in the district in which they are elected and receive the same salary as a member of the State Legislature. Commissioners elected prior to 2019, with at least two years remaining in his or her term, may complete his or her term in a new commissioner district. If districts are redrawn, and more than one incumbent commissioner resides in the same district, the commissioners determine "by lot" which will represent the district for the remainder of the term. Commissioner terms are specified. The county auditor must select district position terms.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.