



**H.B. 725**

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(As Introduced)

Rep. Gardner

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**BILL SUMMARY**

- Increases the compensation that a member of a board of trustees of a joint ambulance district may receive per meeting from \$20 to \$75.
- Increases the number of meetings per year for which a member of a board of trustees of a joint ambulance district may receive compensation from 12 to 15.

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**CONTENT AND OPERATION**

**Current law**

Continuing law permits the boards of township trustees of one or more townships and the legislative authorities of one or more municipal corporations within or adjoining those townships, or the boards of trustees of two or more townships, or the legislative authorities of two or more municipal corporations to create a joint ambulance district to provide services and equipment for the district. A joint ambulance district must be governed by a board of trustees that is required to include one representative appointed by each board of township trustees and one representative appointed by the legislative authority of each municipal corporation in the district. (Sec. 505.71.)

Under current law, members of a board of trustees of a joint ambulance district are eligible to be compensated at a rate not exceeding \$20 per meeting, for not more than 12 meetings per year. Additionally, board members may be reimbursed for all necessary expenses incurred. (Sec. 505.71, second paragraph.)

**Changes prepared by the bill**

The bill increases the compensation that a member of a board of trustees of a joint ambulance district may receive from \$20 to \$75 per meeting. It also increases the number of meetings per year for which a board member may receive

compensation from 12 to 15 (see **COMMENT**). Board members continue to be eligible for reimbursement of necessary expenses incurred. (Sec. 505.71, second paragraph.)

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## **COMMENT**

The title of the bill indicates that it increases the *maximum number of meetings* that a board of trustees of a joint ambulance district *may hold* each year (from 12 to 15 meetings). But, unless current law has been interpreted in a manner inconsistent with rules of statutory construction, it as well as the bill appear only to affect the number of meetings per year for which board members are *eligible to receive compensation*. Presumably, then, under existing law and the bill, a board could choose to hold additional meetings beyond the maximum compensable number of meetings, although the board members would not be eligible to receive compensation for those additional meetings. Thus, the bill's title probably needs to be amended to reflect the more appropriate construction of section 505.71's "number of annual meetings" provisions.

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## **HISTORY**

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