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## *Bill Analysis*

*Legislative Service Commission*

### **H.B. 184**

127th General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

**Reps. Dodd, Garrison**

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#### **BILL SUMMARY**

- Establishes the Elected Officials Review Commission to study the adequacy of the salaries of elected officials relative to the duties those officials are required to perform.
- Requires the Commission to report its findings to the Governor, General Assembly, and Supreme Court.

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#### **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

##### **Creation and duties of the Elected Officials Review Commission**

The bill creates the Elected Officials Review Commission and requires the Commission to evaluate the salaries and duties of all elected officials (see below) to determine whether these salaries are fair and adequate compensation relative to the duties these elected officials are required to perform. The Commission also must consider whether any or all elected officials should be required by law to devote a minimum number of hours to performing their duties, or to spend a minimum number of hours in their office, per day, week, month, year, or other specified time period. (Section 1(B) and (E).)

The Commission must issue its recommendations, not later than one year after the date all members of the Commission have been appointed, to the Governor, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Senate President, the House Speaker, and the House and Senate Minority Leaders (Section 1(F)).

The bill defines "elected officials" to mean all of the following:

- General Assembly members.
- State Board of Education members.

- The Chief Justice and Justices of the Supreme Court, judges of courts of appeal and of courts of common pleas, and all other judges of courts of record.
- The Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor of State, Treasurer of State, and Attorney General.
- Clerks of the courts of common pleas, county auditors, county commissioners, county coroners, county engineers, county recorders, county treasurers, prosecuting attorneys, and sheriffs.
- Elected clerks of municipal and county courts.
- Township trustees and clerks.<sup>1</sup>
- Members of boards of education of any school district. (Section 1(A).)

**Composition and operation of the Commission**

The Elected Officials Review Commission consists of the following 24 members:

(1) Two members appointed by the Governor.

(2) Two Senate members, with one each appointed by the Senate President and the Senate Minority Leader.

(3) Two House of Representatives members, with one each appointed by the House Speaker and the House Minority Leader.

(4) One member appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

(5) One member to represent each of the following organizations jointly appointed by the House Speaker and the Senate President:

- The organization that represents township trustees and clerks.
- The organization that represents clerks of the courts of common pleas.
- The organization that represents county auditors.

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<sup>1</sup> Although the bill refers to "township clerks," the township officials formerly known as township clerks are now known as "township fiscal officers" as a result of the enactment of Sub. S.B. 107 of the 126th General Assembly, effective December 20, 2005.

- The organization that represents county commissioners.
- The organization that represents county coroners.
- The organization that represents county engineers.
- The organization that represents county recorders.
- The organization that represents county treasurers.
- The organization that represents prosecuting attorneys.
- The organization that represents sheriffs.
- The organization that represents members of boards of education.
- The organization that represents judges of courts of common pleas.
- The organization that represents judges of courts of appeal.
- The organization that represents judges of municipal courts.
- The organization that represents judges of county courts.
- The organization that represents clerks of municipal courts.
- The organization that represents the mayors and legislative authorities of municipal corporations. (Section 1(B).)

Appointments must be made to the Commission within 30 days after the bill's effective date. A member must not be appointed from an organization listed above if that organization is affiliated with a political party. Vacancies must be filled in the same manner as provided for the original appointment. (Section 1(C).)

At its first meeting, the Commission must elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson and such other officers as it considers necessary. The Commission must meet at the call of the chairperson. (Section 1(D).)

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## HISTORY

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