

**LOCAL
FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Swalm Sen. Tochtrop	Bill Status: House Local Government
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SHORT TITLE: MEETINGS BDS OF COMMNERS LARGER CNTIES

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2014-2015	FY 2015-2016
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: None.		

Summary of Legislation

Current law requires that each board of county commissioners (board) of a county with a population of 100,000 people or more hold at least two board meetings each week of the year. Boards are required to meet only two times each month during the months of July and August.

The bill allows boards in counties with 100,000 or more people to hold fewer than two meetings per week if:

- a quorum cannot be present due to illness;
- scheduling conflicts occur with professional organizations whose membership includes board members;
- inclement weather occurs;
- a natural disaster or emergency conditions occur;
- special events take place; or
- any other circumstances arise that a majority of the board deems reasonable justification for not holding the meeting.

Finally, the bill allows the chair of the board to cancel a regularly scheduled meeting of the board. If the meeting is canceled more than 24 hours in advance, the board must provide public notice of the cancellation.

Local Government Impact

The bill creates more flexibility for boards of county commissioners. The bill may decrease the workload and costs to counties for meetings held when a quorum cannot be present, or if other circumstances arise.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 6, 2014, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 7, 2014, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

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