

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB2504
Version:	FA1
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Impact:	No impact

Research Analysis

The proposed committee substitute (PCS) for HB 2504 modifies the appointing authorities for membership of the board of city-county health departments. The PCS takes away one appointment from the city council and gives that appointing authority to the State Commissioner of Health. The PCS modifies the terms of service for members of the board of city-county health departments.

The PCS modifies the approval process of city-county boards of health. It allows for a vote by simple majority to recommend or approve rules and regulations regarding public health. The PCS prohibits city-county boards of health from promulgating rules that are more stringent than state laws or rules and regulations of the State Board of Health.

The PCS modifies the selection process for a director of a city-county board of health. The city-county health director is required to seek the advice of the State Commissioner of Health in order to align administrative objectives.

The PCS requires a new process in case of a vacancy in the position of director of a city-county health department. City-county health departments are required to provide a list of three candidates for permanent appointment to three entities, which are the State Commissioner of Health, the mayor of the largest city in the county, and the chair of the board of county commissioners. These three entities will collectively appoint and select a new director from the list provided. If a candidate has not been selected at the end of six months of vacancy, the Commissioner of Health is required to appoint a director from the list of candidates provided.

The PCS allows for the State Commissioner of Health to request the removal of a director of a city-county health department. The city-county health board is required to consider the removal request within two months of its receipt. The PCS requires a 2/3 vote to warrant removal from office.

Key differences between floor version and floor substitute:

The floor substitute to HB 2504 modifies the list of qualifications for the State Commissioner of Health by adding the qualification of a master's degree in public health. The State Commissioner of Health must meet at least one of the qualifications specified in the act.

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Fiscal Analysis

After review, the FA1 to HB 2504 has no fiscal or revenue considerations to the state.

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Other Considerations

None.

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