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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4685 AS INTRODUCED 4-24-89

In order to be divorced in Michigan, at least one of the parties must have resided in the state for 180 days and at least one must have resided in the county of filing for at least the ten days immediately preceding the filing for divorce. The bill would lift the ten-day county residency requirement for cases where a person with minor children was divorcing someone born in, or a citizen of, another country. There would have to be information that would allow the court to reasonably conclude that the minor child or children were at risk of being taken out of the United States and being retained in another country by the defendant. The divorce complaint would have to be filed in Ingham County and would have to set forth the conditions for lifting the ten-day requirement.

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