

Legislative Analysis



ALLOW PHYSICIAN FROM BORDERING STATE TO SERVE AS MEDICAL EXAMINER

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House Bill 5039

Sponsor: Rep. Tom Casperson

Committee: Local Government and Urban Policy

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5039 AS INTRODUCED 7-6-05

House Bill 5039 would amend Public Act 181 of 1953, concerning the power and duties of medical examiners, to allow a physician licensed in a state that borders Michigan to be appointed as a medical examiner, if the county in which the appointment is being made does not have an accredited hospital.

Currently under the law, county commissioners appoint a county medical examiner to hold office for a period of four years. In counties with a civil service system, the appointment and tenure of the medical examiner is made in accord with the provisions of the civil service system. The medical examiner must be a physician licensed to practice in Michigan. Further, two counties can, by resolution of the commissioners, employ the same person to act as medical examiner. House Bill 5039 would retain these provisions, but specify that a county medical examiner could be licensed as a physician in a state that borders Michigan, if the county did not have an accredited hospital.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill as introduced has no state or local government fiscal implications.

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