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Senate Bill 698 (as reported without amendment)
Senate Bill 699 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Senate Bill 700 (Substitute S-2 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Goeff Hansen
Committee: Judiciary

CONTENT

Senate Bill 698 would amend Chapter 83 of the Revised Statutes of 1846 to authorize a district judge, district court magistrate, or probate judge to solemnize a marriage anywhere in Michigan. Currently, a judge of the district court, and a district court magistrate, may solemnize a marriage in the district in which he or she serves. A probate judge may solemnize a marriage in the county or probate court district in which he or she serves.

Senate Bill 699 (S-1) would amend the Revised Judicature Act to require a probate judge to remit the \$10 fee for performing a marriage ceremony to the probate court for the county in which he or she served. As currently allowed, a probate judge could waive the fee if the parties to the marriage were indigent.

Senate Bill 700 (S-2) would amend the Revised Judicature Act to require a district judge or district court magistrate to remit the \$10 fee for performing a marriage ceremony to the district court in which the judge or magistrate served.

The bill also would allow a district judge or magistrate to waive the fee if the parties to the marriage were indigent.

Senate Bills 699 (S-1) and 700 (S-2) are tie-barred to Senate Bill 698.

MCL 551.7 (S.B. 698)
600.874 (S.B. 699)
600.8316 (S.B. 700)

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bills would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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