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Senate Bill 595 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Jonathan Lindsey
Committee: Regulatory Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan-Indiana State Line Remonumentation Act to allow the Michigan-Indiana State Line Commission to procure professional surveying services through grants to the county remonumentation programs in counties adjacent to the Michigan-Indiana State line.

MCL 54.317 et al.

BRIEF RATIONALE

The last complete survey of the Michigan-Indiana border was conducted in 1827. Reportedly, unlike the State's borders with Wisconsin and Ohio, the monuments placed to mark the Michigan-Indiana border were not durable and have since fallen into disrepair. As a result, the exact placement of the border between Michigan and Indiana is uncertain. To address this issue, in 2022 the State enacted Public Act 81, which reestablished the Michigan-Indiana State Line Commission. (Indiana enacted similar legislation in 2019). Initially, the Commission planned to contract with private surveyors to remonument the border; however, it did not receive any qualifying bids. Accordingly, it has been suggested that the State work with county surveyors to complete the project.

Legislative Analyst: Nathan Leaman

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on counties along the Michigan-Indiana border. The counties could contract for professional surveying services, at an indeterminate cost. They also could receive funding from the Remonumentation Fund and if these funds were equal to the costs, there would be a zero net fiscal impact on locals.

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