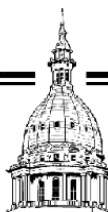




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BILL ANALYSIS

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House Bill 6026 (as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Michael Nye
House Committee: Judiciary and Civil Rights
Senate Committee: Judiciary

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CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 156 of 1951, which defines the powers and duties of county boards of commissioners, to provide that, if a retirant were an employee of the State Judicial Council on September 30, 1996, and became a county-paid employee of the Detroit Recorder's Court or the Third Judicial Circuit (Wayne County) on October 1, 1996, payment of the retirant's pension or retirement benefit would have to continue without change in amount or conditions by reason of employment by the county from which he or she retired. (Public Act 374 of 1996 (House Bill 5158) abolished the State Judicial Council as the State employer of Third Circuit, Recorder's, 36th District Court employees and transferred those employees to Wayne County or Detroit, effective October 1, 1996.)

In addition, Public Act 156 provides that a bailiff serving in the 36th District Court (Detroit) is eligible to receive retirement benefits under the Act if a plan has been established by law by which the cost of benefits is payable from sources including contributions made by the State and each bailiff. Under the bill, those contributions would have to be made by the City of Detroit, rather than the State. Copies of actuarial reports would have to be provided to the bailiff's employer and the State Court Administrator, rather than to the State Judicial Council.

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Legislative Analyst: P. Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would not require additional resources from State or local governments. If the bill is not passed, however, early retirement from the State might occur before October 1, 1996, which would result in an immediate cost to the State for payout of accumulated annual and sick leave.

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