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Senate Bill 855 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Leon Stille
Committee: Local, Urban and State Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 34 of 1978, which relates to fences on certain lands and fence viewers, to do the following:

- Increase from \$25 to \$50 the daily compensation that must be paid to a township, city, or village for a fence viewer's services.
- Specify that a fence viewer would not be responsible for determining the location of a boundary, and require that boundary determinations use a registered surveyor's findings and not an existing fence or fence remnants.
- Provide that, in boundary disputes regarding a fence between townships or between a township and a city or village, one fence viewer could be selected for each township, city, or village, or a single fence viewer could be selected upon mutual agreement of the local governments. (Currently, one fence viewer must be selected for each township, city, or village.)
- Require a township, city or village, in a boundary dispute, to be responsible for the cost of constructing and maintaining a portion of a fence, if no appreciable difference in benefit would be derived by any of the local governments.

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FISCAL IMPACT

This bill would increase the daily fee paid to cities, villages, and townships from \$25 to \$50 for services rendered by a fence viewer. The bill would have no State fiscal impact.

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