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Senate Bill 123 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Bruce Patterson
Committee: Transportation

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to allow a county road commission, a township board, and the Director of the Department of State Police unanimously to establish a speed limit on a county highway.

Under the Code, the Director of the Department of the Michigan State Police (MSP) and either the State Transportation Commission or, with respect to highways under its jurisdiction, a county road commission, upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, may determine that the speed of vehicular traffic on a State trunk line or county highway is greater or less than is reasonable and safe at an intersection or other part of the highway, and may declare a reasonable and safe maximum or minimum speed limit for the specific location. The bill would retain this provision for highways under the jurisdiction of the State Transportation Commission, and add a separate provision for county highways.

Under the bill, the county road commission, the township board, and the MSP Director acting unanimously could establish a safe and reasonable minimum or maximum speed limit at an intersection or upon part of a county highway, on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation. As currently provided, the speed limit would be effective at the times determined when appropriate signs giving notice of the speed limit were erected. A township board could opt out of the process by giving written notice to the county road commission or, if there were no county road commission, the county board of commissioners.

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FISCAL IMPACT

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

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