

Legislative Analysis



MARRIAGE LICENSE FEES

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House Bill 4547 (proposed substitute H-1)
Sponsor: Rep. Will Snyder
Committee: Families, Children and Seniors
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4547 would amend 1887 PA 128 to increase the marriage license fee from \$20 to \$50, and the additional fee paid by nonresidents from \$10 to \$25.

The act allows the probate court to order the county clerk to waive the marriage license fee if the fee would result in undue hardship.

MCL 551.103

BACKGROUND:

The proposed H-1 substitute is a “conflict substitute” that makes no substantive changes but updates the section of law being amended to include changes made to that section by a recently enacted bill (HB 4294, now 2023 PA 121). Generally speaking, conflict substitutes resolve potential conflicts between different bills that amend the same section of law. Without a substitute that takes both bills into account, the last bill signed into law would overwrite and undo the changes made by the earlier one.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4547 would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on local units of government. An increase in the fee amount paid to obtain a marriage license, and an increase in the additional fee amount paid by people who are not residents of the state applying for a marriage license, would result in an increase in funding for local units. However, it is not possible to determine the number of resident and nonresident marriage licenses that would be applied for and paid for at the new fee amounts. Under the bill, additional fee revenue would be required to be deposited into the general fund of the county.

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