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Senate Bill 705 (Substitute S-2 as reported)

Sponsor: Senator Paul Wojno Committee: Local Government

CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act (PA) 161 of 1895, which requires county treasurers to provide transcripts and records upon request and prescribes the associated fees, to do the following:

- -- Require a county treasurer to fulfill a request for specific documentation in the treasurer's possession for a *requested* tax year instead of the *current* tax year.
- -- Allow a request of certain electronic records from a county treasurer if the treasurer possessed those records.
- -- Require a county treasurer to consider a request for a winter tax bill and a summer tax bill as a single request when charging a fee for their request.

MCL 48.101

BRIEF RATIONALE

In 2022, the Legislature amended PA 161 to require a county treasurer that maintains, controls, or manages electronic records of specific information to provide those electronic records for each parcel of real property in their county for the current tax year. According to testimony, county treasurers often do not have property tax information for a tax year until the following tax year. Therefore, the bill would allow county treasurers to better comply with requests and preserve the right of requesters to request needed documentation.

Legislative Analyst: Alex Krabill

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the State and would reduce local unit revenue by an indeterminate, and likely negligible, amount by capping the fee that could be charged for certain requests of property tax records.

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