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Senate Bill 667 (as introduced 8-1-07)  
Sponsor: Senator Cameron S. Brown  
Committee: Judiciary

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### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend Chapter 83 of the Revised Statutes of 1846 to authorize a county clerk to solemnize a marriage in a county other than the one in which he or she serves, with the authorization of the clerk of that county.

Chapter 83 lists the officials who may solemnize a marriage, including a county clerk in the county in which he or she serves. In a county with a population greater than 2 million (Wayne County), an employee of the clerk's office designated by the county clerk also may solemnize a marriage in the county which the clerk serves.

MCL 551.7

Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill could alter the distribution of local unit revenue by an unknown and likely negligible amount. While the bill would expand the number of individuals authorized to perform marriages in a given location, the number of marriages performed is likely to remain essentially unchanged. Consequently, the bill could change the distribution of fees or contributions among the local units that have individuals authorized to solemnize marriages. The actual amount of the change would depend upon the number of individuals using a clerk to solemnize a marriage outside of the clerk's respective county, as well as the fees set by the local units.

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State government.

Fiscal Analyst: David Zin

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