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House Bill 5609 (Substitute S-1 as reported)

Sponsor: Representative Matt Huuki

House Committee: Tax Policy Senate Committee: Finance

CONTENT

The bill would amend the General Property Tax Act to provide that a person would be liable for delinquent taxes owed on property that the person sold, transferred, or otherwise conveyed to an Indian tribe recognized by the United States, an enrolled member of a recognized tribe, a tribal corporation incorporated under the tribe's own laws or under Federal law, or an unincorporated tribal entity owned exclusively by the tribe and/or its members, making the property exempt under Federal law from forfeiture, foreclosure, and sale under the Act for those delinquent taxes. Specifically, the taxes would be a personal liability of the transferor to whom the delinquent taxes were originally billed.

The transferor would be subject to the collection of the delinquent taxes as provided in Section 47 of the Act. (That section allows the seizure and sale of the personal property of a person who neglects or refuses to pay a tax on property assessed to the person.)

Proposed MCL 211.78p Legislative Analyst: Suzanne Lowe

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would increase State and local property tax revenue by an unknown amount that would depend upon the specific characteristics of the property affected by the bill. Most State property tax revenue is directed to the School Aid Fund.

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