

Legislative Analysis



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Senate Bill 1133 as passed by the Senate

Sponsor: Sen. Wayne Schmidt

House Committee: Local Government and Municipal Finance

Senate Committee: Economic and Small Business Development

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SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 1133 would amend the Revised Judicature Act to extend the remonumentation fee for an additional 20 years. The current \$4 fee is scheduled to expire on January 1, 2023, at which time the fee will be reduced to \$2. The bill would extend the sunset to January 1, 2043.

The fee is collected by a county register of deeds for recording instruments (such as a deed, mortgage, easement, or lease) and is deposited in the State Survey and Remonumentation Fund. The revenue is used to resurvey Michigan property boundaries.

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BACKGROUND:

In 2006, the legislature delayed the decrease by 10 years from 2013 to 2023.¹

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 1133 would have significant revenue implications for both the state and counties. Without the sunset extension included in the bill, the Survey and Remonumentation Fund (a state restricted fund utilized to provide grants to counties for surveying, remonumenting, and maintaining the original national Public Land Survey System corners) is projected to experience an annual revenue reduction of \$3.5 million. This bill would preserve that revenue through January 1, 2043. Additionally, without the extension, counties would also experience revenue reductions, as counties are statutorily authorized to retain up to 1.5% of the impacted fee amount for administration purposes.

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¹ 2006 PA 662: <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2005-2006/billanalysis/House/pdf/2005-HLA-5966-1.pdf>