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Senate Bill 897 (Substitute S-1 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)

Sponsor: Senator Darrin Camilleri

Committee: Local Government

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes of 1846, which governs the powers and duties of townships, to do the following:

- Allow a township with a population between 10,000 and 15,000 individuals, located in a county with a population greater than 1.5 million, to acquire, own, or operate a public service facility that provided transportation to the township.
- Allow the township that owned or operated the public service facility to charge a user fee.
- Require a township that owned or operated a public service facility to implement an inspection program that complied with Federal law for all bridges owned or operated by the township to be eligible to receive State and Federal money related to owning or operating a bridge.

Proposed MCL 41.2b

### **BRIEF RATIONALE**

Grosse Ile Township is a small island community in Wayne County off the coast of southeast Detroit. There are currently two bridges that individuals can use to cross the Detroit River between the mainland and Grosse Ile Township. The northernmost bridge, called the Grosse Ile Toll Bridge, is privately-operated. The owner may set the toll, fee, and weight limit for the Bridge. Reportedly, the owner is considering selling the Bridge to the Township. The bill would allow the Township to purchase the Bridge, which could improve its usefulness for the public.

Legislative Analyst: Alex Krabill

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would allow townships in Wayne County with populations between 10,000 and 15,000 to create a public service facility that provided transportation. It would not have a fiscal impact on the State. It could have a fiscal impact on the townships if they choose to create this public service facility. The bill would allow for the collection of fees to pay for this service. Assuming the township created the public service facility, the bill would increase costs for the township and increase revenue from the fees. It is unknown whether the fees generated would cover the full cost of the service.

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