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Senate Bill 407 (as reported without amendment) Senate Bill 413 (as reported without amendment)

Senate Bill 416 (Substitute S-1 as reported)

Sponsor: Senator Rudy J. Nichols (Senate Bill 407)

Senator Virgil C. Smith, Jr. (Senate Bills 413 and 416)

Committee: Judiciary

Date Completed: 4-4-90

RATIONALE

Michigan's 1963 Constitution revised the State's judicial system to eliminate the office of justice of the peace. Several State statutes still make reference to those offices, however. Some people feel that those obsolete references should be deleted from the law books.

CONTENT

The bills would amend various statutes to delete references to, or repeal sections of law that pertain to, justices of the peace.

Senate Bill 407 would amend Public Act 244 of 1881, which pertains to union depot companies. Senate Bill 413 would amend Chapter 65 of the Revised Statutes of 1846, which governs conveyances of real property by deed. Senate Bill 416 (S-1) would repeal 20 sections of the Revised Judicature Act.

MCL 471.36 (S.B. 407) 565.16 et al. (S.B. 413) 600.7701 et al. (S.B. 416)

FISCAL IMPACT

The bills would have no fiscal impact on State or local government. Duties performed by justices of the peace, since their abolition in the last constitutional revision, have been absorbed by other courts. The State would not incur any additional costs under these bills.

ARGUMENTS

Supporting Argument

References to justices of the peace in Michigan's State statutes are obsolete, since the 1963 State Constitution eliminated those positions. The references should be deleted to update the statutes.

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