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CIRCUIT COURT CLERK SERVICES

House Bill 4234

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Committee: Judiciary

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4234 AS INTRODUCED 2-12-91

The bill would amend the Revised Judicature Act to specify that the county clerk in each county provide recordkeeping systems for entering proceedings in the circuit court, and that the clerk is to enter those proceedings in the form and style prescribed by the court (current law specifies that the clerk provide the books for entering proceedings as the judge directs).

The bill also would specify that in each judicial circuit other than Wayne county, recordkeeping services would be provided by employees under the supervision and control of the clerk of the court, who under the constitution is the county clerk. The clerk and the chief or only judge would have to develop standards for the delivery of court clerk services. If they failed to do so within 90 days after the bill took effect, the state court administrator would participate in the development. The state court administrator also would participate when it took more than 90 days for the clerk and the judge to reach an agreement on a modification of standards. The bill would not affect existing or future collective bargaining agreements between the county and the employees providing court clerk services. Except for the provision regarding modifications, similar provisions already are in effect for the Wayne County Circuit Court; the bill would include the provision regarding modification of standards in the separate provisions that exist for Wayne County Circuit Court.

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