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Senate Bill 349 (as reported without amendment)  
Sponsor: Senator William Van Regenmorter  
Committee: Judiciary

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Revised Judicature Act (RJA) to delete a requirement that a probate judge maintain an office at the county seat of each county and an authorization to maintain an office in any city of the county in which sessions of the circuit court are authorized by law to be held. Instead, the bill would require that a probate judge hold sessions of the probate court at the county seat, unless an alternative primary location were designated pursuant to the RJA, and would authorize a probate judge to hold sessions of the probate court in any city in which sessions of the circuit court were legally authorized. (The bill would retain an authorization for a probate judge to maintain an office at any place where sessions of the probate court are held.)

The bill also specifies that it would not prohibit a judge from holding a hearing regarding an allegedly legally incapacitated person or an allegedly mentally ill person at any site considered appropriate by the court, as allowed under the Revised Probate Code or the Mental Health Code.

MCL 600.816

Legislative Analyst: P. Affholter

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the State. The local impacts would depend on area rents and other costs associated with maintaining an office. These costs vary by locality.

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