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BILL



ANALYSIS

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Senate Bill 1144 (as enrolled)  
Sponsor: Senator Dick Posthumus  
Committee: Government Operations

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### **RATIONALE**

Both George W. Romney (July 8, 1907 - July 26, 1995) and G. Mennen Williams (February 23, 1911 - February 2, 1988) are famous persons in Michigan's history. Williams was a six-term governor of the State (1949-1960) and a justice of the Michigan Supreme court (1971-1987). Romney, credited with making the American Motor Corporation a success in the 1950s, was instrumental in the development and passage of Michigan's current Constitution (adopted in 1963), and was Governor from 1963-1969 before he resigned to become U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. It has been suggested that State buildings be named after these men in their honor.

(Williams) and the Olds Plaza (Romney), in their honor.

Legislative Analyst: G. Towne

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would result in a minimal cost to the State for appropriate designations at the buildings.

Fiscal Analyst: B. Bowerman

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend Public Act 173 of 1968, which names certain State buildings, to provide that the Law Building (located in the Capitol Complex) would be renamed the "G. Mennen Williams Building"; and the Olds Plaza Building (located across Capitol Avenue from the Capitol Building) would be renamed the "George W. Romney Building".

Proposed MCL 19.132

### **ARGUMENTS**

*(Please note: The arguments contained in this analysis originate from sources outside the Senate Fiscal Agency. The Senate Fiscal Agency neither supports nor opposes legislation.)*

#### **Supporting Argument**

Both Romney and Williams are famous, well-respected statesmen in Michigan's history who served long, distinguished careers in various areas of public service. It would be a fitting tribute to rename two State buildings, the Law Building

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