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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
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Introduced by Senators Van Regenmorter, Stille, Bouchard and Honigman

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 349

AN ACT to amend section 816 of Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of 1961, entitled as amended "An act to revise and consolidate the statutes relating to the organization and jurisdiction of the courts of this state; the powers and duties of such courts, and of the judges and other officers thereof; the forms and attributes of civil claims and actions; the time within which civil actions and proceedings may be brought in said courts; pleading, evidence, practice and procedure in civil and criminal actions and proceedings in said courts; to provide remedies and penalties for the violation of certain provisions of this act; and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with, or contravening any of the provisions of this act," as amended by Act No. 189 of the Public Acts of 1991, being section 600.816 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Section 1. Section 816 of Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of 1961, as amended by Act No. 189 of the Public Acts of 1991, being section 600.816 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 816. (1) A probate judge shall hold sessions of the probate court at the county seat of each county, unless an alternative primary location is designated pursuant to subsection (3), and may hold sessions of the probate court in any city of the county where sessions of the circuit court are authorized by law to be held. A probate judge may maintain an office at any place where sessions of the probate court are held.

(2) A probate judge may hold sessions of the court at the regional diagnostic and treatment center assigned to his or her court if sessions are approved by the state court administrator. The center shall provide an area for court sessions to which the public has access.

(3) Subject to the approval of the county board of commissioners and the state court administrator, the chief probate judge of a county may designate 1 or more places in the county where regular sessions of probate court may be held. A designation made under this subsection shall be delivered to the county clerk.

(4) Nothing in this section prohibits 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 provided by section 443 of the revised probate code, Act No. 642 of the Public Acts of 1978, being section 700.443 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, or section 456 of the mental health code, Act No. 258 of the Public Acts of 1974, being section 330.1456 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Secretary of the Senate.

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Approved -----

Governor.

