



SENATE BILL No. 349

February 28, 1995, Introduced by Senator VAN REGENMORTER,
STILLE, BOUCHARD and HONIGMAN and referred to the
Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend section 816 of Act No. 236 of the Public
Acts of 1961, entitled as amended
"Revised judicature act of 1961,"
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:

1 Section 1. Section 816 of Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of
2 1961, as amended by Act No. 189 of the Public Acts of 1991, being
3 section 600.816 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read
4 as follows:

5 Sec. 816. (1) A probate judge shall ~~maintain an office~~
6 HOLD SESSIONS OF THE PROBATE COURT at the county seat of each
7 county, UNLESS AN ALTERNATIVE PRIMARY LOCATION IS DESIGNATED
8 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3), and may ~~also maintain an office~~
9 HOLD SESSIONS OF THE PROBATE COURT in any city of the county

1 where sessions of the circuit court are authorized by law to be
2 held. ~~or~~ A PROBATE JUDGE MAY MAINTAIN AN OFFICE at any place
3 where sessions of the probate court are held.

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

9 (3) Subject to the approval of the county board of commis-
10 sioners and the state court administrator, the chief probate
11 judge of a county may designate 1 or more places in the county
12 where REGULAR sessions of probate court may be held. A designa-
13 tion made under this subsection shall be delivered to the county
14 clerk.

15 (4) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION PROHIBITS A JUDGE FROM HOLDING A
16 HEARING REGARDING AN ALLEGEDLY LEGALLY INCAPACITATED PERSON OR AN
17 ALLEGEDLY MENTALLY ILL PERSON AT ANY SITE CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE
18 BY THE COURT AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 443 OF THE REVISED PROBATE
19 CODE, ACT NO. 642 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1978, BEING SECTION
20 700.443 OF THE MICHIGAN COMPILED LAWS, OR SECTION 456 OF THE
21 MENTAL HEALTH CODE, ACT NO. 258 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1974, BEING
22 SECTION 330.1456 OF THE MICHIGAN COMPILED LAWS.