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## LOCAL GOVT. BILLING ERRORS; YEAR 2000 COMPUTER PROBLEMS

**House Bill 4587**

**Sponsor: Rep. Patricia Birkholz**

**Committee: Family and Civil Law**

**Complete to 9-21-99**

### **A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4587 AS INTRODUCED 4-27-99**

The bill would create a new act to prohibit political subdivisions from charging a fee or finance charge on an amount erroneously assessed because of a billing error caused by a computer date failure, defined as the inability of a computer system to recognize, calculate, or otherwise properly process dates or times in the years 1999 and 2000 and beyond. It would apply to billing for utility services, taxes, fees, assessments, or other goods or services provided by political subdivisions. "Political subdivisions" would mean cities, villages, townships, counties, county road commissions, school districts, community college districts, port districts, metropolitan districts, transportation authorities, districts or authorities authorized by law or formed by political subdivisions, and agencies, departments, courts, boards, or councils of these entities.

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