

Legislative Analysis



8TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT: ELECTION DIVISIONS

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Senate Bill 193

Sponsor: Sen. Tom George
House Committee: Judiciary
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A SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 193 AS PASSED BY THE SENATE 3-16-05

The bill would amend the Revised Judicature Act to eliminate the three election divisions in the Eighth Judicial District, which consists of Kalamazoo County and has seven judges.

Currently, the district's first election division consists of the City of Kalamazoo and has four of the district's seven judges. The second division consists of the City of Portage and has one judge. The third division consists of the County of Kalamazoo, other than the Cities of Kalamazoo and Portage, and has two judges.

The bill would take effect January 2, 2007.

(Note: The bill is virtually identical to Senate Bill 1463 of 2003-2004. That bill was passed by both the Senate and the House but did not go into effect because of a "pocket veto." Under the State Constitution, if the governor does not sign a bill within 14 days after it is presented, and the legislature finally adjourns the session at which the bill was passed, the bill does not become law.)

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact on state or local government.

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