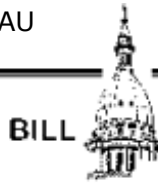




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BILL ANALYSIS

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Senate Bill 341 (as introduced 3-24-05)
Sponsor: Senator Jud Gilbert, II
Committee: Commerce and Labor

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised Judicature Act to allow a city, village, or township to designate its downtown development authority (DDA) to operate a parking violations bureau.

The Act provides that a city, village, or township may establish a parking violations bureau to accept civil infraction admissions in parking violation cases and to collect and retain civil fines and costs. The city, village, or township must bear the expense of operating the parking violations bureau, and the bureau's personnel must be city, village, or township employees.

The bill also would allow a city, village, or township to designate a DDA located within its borders to operate a parking violations bureau. The city, village, or township would have to determine the bureau's expenses of operating and personnel.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have an unknown, and likely minimal, fiscal impact on affected local units of government and no fiscal impact on State government. It is unknown how many DDAs would be designated to operate a parking violations bureau under the bill. Presumably, such designations would not be made unless the change would lower operating costs or somehow enhance the administration of the DDA and/or improve the revenue collected from DDA property.

This analysis is preliminary and will be revised as new information becomes available.

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