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Senate Bill 1106 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Bev Hammerstrom
Committee: Local, Urban and State Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 128 of 1887 (which provides for marriage licenses) to allow a county clerk to accept an electronically submitted application for a marriage license. If the county clerk accepted an electronically submitted application, he or she would have to print the required information from the application in the form of an affidavit and have a party named in the application sign the affidavit in the presence of the county clerk or deputy clerk.

The bill provides that a marriage license application would be a nonpublic record and exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. The application would have to be made available, upon request, to the people named in it.

The Act provides that a marriage license may not be delivered within a period of three days, although a county clerk, for good cause shown, may deliver the license immediately. Under the bill, if a county clerk delivered a license immediately, the applicant would have to pay a fee to be determined by the county board of commissioners, which the county clerk would have to deposit into the county's general fund.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no effect on State revenue or expenditures, but would increase local unit revenue by an unknown and likely negligible amount. The bill would provide for a fee, to be determined by the county board of commissioners, for licenses delivered immediately following the application. It is unknown how many individuals would choose to receive their license immediately. There are approximately 65,000 marriages per year in Michigan and if the additional fee were \$10 and 10% of the applicants elected to receive the license immediately, the bill would increase revenue by \$65,000 statewide.

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

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