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House Bill 6344 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Representative Sam Singh
House Committee: Judiciary
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised Judicature Act to do the following:

- Allow the Ingham County Board of Commissioners and the cities of Lansing and East Lansing to approve the consolidation of the 54th-A (Lansing), 54th-B (East Lansing), and 55th (Mason) Judicial Districts before November 1, 2019.
- Specify that the consolidated 55th district would consist of all of the territory of the former 54th-A, 54th-B, and 55th districts.
- Require all full-time employees of the former 54th-A and 54th-B districts to be transferred to the consolidated 55th district, if the consolidated 55th district were created.
- Specify that the consolidated 55th district would have eight judges, and specify how judgeships would be determined, if the consolidated 55th district were created.
- Specify the selection of jurors in criminal cases, if the consolidated 55th district were created.

MCL 600.8125

Legislative Analyst: Stephen Jackson

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the State and an indeterminate, though likely positive, fiscal impact on the governments of Ingham County and the cities of Lansing and East Lansing. Savings would be realized only if the resolution to consolidate the 54th-A, 54th-B, and 55th District Courts were approved by those respective governing bodies. As the bill would retain all current employees, savings would be realized over time through attrition and eventual administrative efficiencies. The total number of district court judges and judicial salaries to be paid by the State in the proposed consolidated 55th District Court would remain unchanged.

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