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Senate Bill 147 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Sylvia Santana
Committee: Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised Judicature Act to delete a March 1, 2025, sunset on the requirements that the Department of Treasury annually adjust the legal notice publishing fees by the United States Consumer Price Index (CPI).

MCL 600.2534

BRIEF RATIONALE

The Act specifies the rates that newspapers may charge for publishing legal notices such as orders, citations, summons, and advertisements, among others. The rates for these notices have been adjusted to reflect the rate of the CPI from 1996 to 1999, 2008 to 2013, and 2017 to 2025. Some believe that continually requesting the Legislature to extend the sunset or reset the CPI language is burdensome and unnecessary and that accordingly the allowable statutory rates should be annually adjusted for inflation.

PREVIOUS LEGISLATION

(This section does not provide a comprehensive account of previous legislative efforts on this subject matter.)

The bill is a reintroduction of Senate Bill 1067 of the 2023-2024 Legislative Session. Senate Bill 1067 passed the Senate and was referred to the House Committee on Government Operations but received no further action.

Legislative Analyst: Eleni Lionas

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the Department of Treasury. The Department would have to continue to adjust rates annually according to the CPI. As the Department already performs this work, no additional appropriations would be required.

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