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Senate Bill 937 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator William Van Regenmorter
Committee: Local, Urban and State Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend Chapter 83 of the Revised Statutes of 1846 (entitled "Of marriage and the solemnization thereof) to specify that marriage "is a civil contract between a man and a woman" and to prohibit a man from marrying another man, and prohibit a woman from marrying another woman.

Currently, Chapter 83 specifies that marriage, so far as its validity in law is concerned, is a civil contract, to which the consent of parties capable in law of contracting, is essential.

MCL 551.2-551.4

Legislative Analyst: L. Arasim

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have an indeterminate fiscal impact. The amount would depend on the number of additional individuals who would be eligible for spousal benefits if the bills were not enacted. These include insurance, retirement benefits, and other legal rights.

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