

Legislative Analysis



MICHIGAN-INDIANA BOUNDARY LINE COMMISSION

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Senate Bill 712

Sponsor: Sen. Howard Walker

(Enacted as Public Act 363 of 2014)

House Committee: Local Government

Senate Committee: Local Government and Elections

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A SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 712 AS PASSED BY THE SENATE 6-10-14

Senate Bill 712 would amend the Michigan and Indiana State Line Monumentation Act, to extend its sunset by three years, from January 1, 2015, to January 1, 2018.

The act established the Indiana-Michigan Boundary Line Commission and requires that commission to do the following:

- Administer a survey and remonumentation of the Indiana-Michigan border. Recover or re-establish relatively permanent monuments at the mileposts of the Indiana-Michigan state line.
- Resolve any controversies regarding the location of mileposts defining the Michigan-Indiana border.

The commission consists of 10 members, five from Indiana and five from Michigan. The Michigan members are appointed by the governor and must be licensed professional surveyors. The governor must appoint one resident from each of the following counties, all of which border Indiana: Berrien, Branch, Cass, Hillsdale, and St. Joseph.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 712, as passed by the Senate, would have a significant fiscal impact on the state or local units of government, to the extent that it would facilitate the future expenditure of the previously appropriated \$200,000 included within a legislative transfer for LARA during FY 2013-14 from the Survey and Remonumentation Fund under 2010 PA 260 for the Indiana-Michigan Border Commission to perform its duties under 2010 PA 259.

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