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## BILL ANALYSIS



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Senate Bill 1255 (Substitute S-2 as reported)  
Senate Bill 1256 (Substitute S-2 as reported)  
Sponsor: Senator Margaret E. O'Brien (S.B. 1255)  
Senator Rick Jones (S.B. 1256)  
Committee: Judiciary

**CONTENT**

Senate Bill 1255 (S-2) would amend Public Act 180 of 1897, which governs the issuance of marriage licenses and certificates, to delete provisions allowing a person under marriageable age to consent to contract into a marriage with the written consent of his or her parents or legal guardian.

Senate Bill 1256 (S-2) would amend Public Act 128 of 1887, which requires parties to be married to obtain a marriage license and establishes the minimum age to contract into a marriage, to do the following:

- Delete a provision allowing a person who was 16 years of age, but less than 18 years of age to contract into a marriage with the written consent of one of his or her parents or legal guardian.
- Prohibit a clerk from issuing a marriage license to a person if it appeared that the person was under 18 years of age.
- Revise the population requirement for a county that wished to impose a marriage license fee or nonresident marriage license fee, different in amount than the license fees specified in the Act.

MCL 551.201 (S.B. 1255)  
551.301 (S.B. 1256)

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bills would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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