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Senate Bill 293 (Substitute S-2 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)  
Sponsor: Senator Michael D. Bishop  
Committee: Judiciary

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend Public Act 152 of 1929, which provides for the State-owned and operated Michigan Public Safety Communications System (MPSCS), to require the Director of the Michigan Department of State Police to allow any local governmental public safety agency to use the communications system, including attaching public safety communications equipment to towers built under the Act. The local agency requesting permission to use the towers would be responsible for all costs associated with installing and maintaining local agency equipment and any damage done to the local agency's equipment from natural causes. The bill also would allow the State Police Director to authorize any other governmental public safety agency to use the MPSCS, including attaching public safety communications equipment to MPSCS towers.

A local governmental public safety agency requesting permission to attach equipment to a tower would be required, at its own expense, to conduct a structural analysis and wind load analysis of the tower that included any existing and proposed loads or antennas, cabling, and appurtenances. The local agency also would have to perform a radio frequency interference analysis of its proposed equipment with all other equipment on the tower on the date of the request. The Director would have to give the local agency documentation necessary to perform the structural, wind load, and radio frequency analyses.

The Director could deny permission to a local governmental public safety agency to install or attach equipment to a tower only if the structural, wind load, or radio frequency interference analysis determined that the installation or attachment would structurally impair the tower or harmfully interfere with the operation of the MPSCS.

For purposes of the bill, "local governmental public safety agency" would include a Michigan Indian tribal police force that was part of an Indian tribe that had a valid gaming compact with the State and was paying the State 8% of its gross gaming proceeds.

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Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on local and State public safety agencies. Though at least one local public safety agency has expressed interest in placing its communications equipment on a State-operated tower, it is not known how many would do so, or what the cost to the local agency would be.

Currently, a local public safety agency that has chosen to join the MPSCS and use existing State equipment on MPSCS towers and not place its own local equipment on these towers, pays an activation fee of \$25 per radio and an annual membership fee of \$200 per radio.

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