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Senate Bill 162 (as introduced 2-6-13)

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to allow a felony consisting of two or more acts to be prosecuted in the county where the defendant intended the crime to have an effect.

Under the Code, whenever a felony consists or is the culmination of two or more acts done in the perpetration of the felony, the violation may be prosecuted in any county where any one of those acts was committed. Under the bill, such a felony also could be prosecuted in any county where the defendant intended the felony or acts done in perpetration of the felony to have an effect.

MCL 762.8 Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

To the extent that the expanded venues resulted in additional felony prosecutions, the bill could result in a marginal increase in caseload for local courts. There are no data to indicate how many prosecutions would occur in counties where the felonious act was intended to have an effect, rather than where it was committed.

Fiscal Analyst: Dan O'Connor

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