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Senate Bill 896 (as introduced 4-19-16)
Sponsor: Senator Steven Bieda
Committee: Judiciary

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Penal Code to delete a provision that prohibits a man and woman, who are not married to each other, from lewdly and lasciviously associating and cohabitating together. The bill would retain a provision that prohibits any man or woman, married or unmarried, from engaging in open and gross lewdness and lascivious behavior.

Each offense is a misdemeanor punishable by up to one year's imprisonment and/or a maximum fine of \$1,000. A prosecution of either offense may not be commenced after one year from the time of the violation.

MCL 750.335

Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill likely would have no fiscal impact on State or local government. A decrease in misdemeanor arrests and convictions could lead to decreased demands on local court systems, law enforcement, and jails, as well as decreased fine revenue dedicated to public libraries; however, the last time a person was charged under this section of the Code is not known.

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