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Senate Bill 372 as reported from House committee
Sponsor: Sen. Ken Horn
House Committee: Communications and Technology
Senate Committee: Energy and Technology
Complete to 6-24-21

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SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 372 would amend the Michigan Telecommunications Act to remove a provision that now requires a provider of basic local exchange service to provide a free printed telephone directory (i.e., a “phone book”) to every customer who requests one.

Currently under the act, a provider of basic local exchange service must provide local directory assistance to each customer and may distribute to each customer a printed telephone directory. If a provider chooses not to distribute a printed telephone directory to each customer, a customer may request from the provider either a printed telephone directory or an electronic telephone directory, which the provider must provide at no additional charge.

The bill would eliminate everything from the above provision except the requirement that a provider of basic local exchange service must provide local directory assistance to each customer.

MCL 484.2309

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the state or local units of government.

POSITIONS:

A representative of AT&T testified in support of the bill. (6-16-21)

The following entities indicated support for the bill (6-16-21):

- Frontier Communications
- Telecommunications Association of Michigan

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