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CLEARLY OBSERVABLE PRECINCTS

House Bill 4791

Sponsor: Rep. Joseph Palamara

Committee: Elections

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4791 AS INTRODUCED 5-6-91

The bill would amend the Michigan Election Law to require than an election precinct be "composed as nearly as practicable of compact and contiguous territory" and have "clearly defined and clearly observable boundaries." Existing precincts that do not comply with the requirement would have to be divided, consolidated, or established to comply no later than 210 days before the primary preceding the 1994 general November election.

As used in the bill, "clearly observable boundaries" includes one or more of the following: a named road or street; a road or highway that is part of the federal, state primary or secondary road system; a river, stream, or drainage feature that is 40 feet or more in width; a natural or constructed permanent physical feature shown on an official county, city, or township map issued by the Department of Transportation or a U.S. Geological Survey topographical map; an apartment building, dormitory, or other multiple-unit housing structure; and any line or demarcation that meets the requirements of and is recognized by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

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