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**House Bill 4187**

**Sponsor: Rep. Robert Brackenridge**

**Committee: Local Government**

**Complete to 2-22-93**

**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4187 AS INTRODUCED 2-9-93**

The bill would amend a section of the Michigan Election Law that deals with petitions for the recall of an elected official. It would add new language specifying that each reason for the recall must be based on the official's conduct during his or her current term of office. The bill also would employ the singular term "each reason" in the place of the plural term "the reasons" in setting out petition requirements. For example, currently the law requires the petitions to "state clearly the reason or reasons for the recall," and charges the board of county election commissioners with determining whether "the reasons for the recall stated in the petition are or are not of sufficient clarity . . ." The bill would, instead, say that the petition must state clearly "each reason" for the recall and that the election commissioners must determine whether "each reason" is of sufficient clarity to enable the official whose recall is sought and the voters to identify the course of conduct that is the basis for the recall.

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