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House Bill 5096
Sponsor: Rep. Robert Brackenridge
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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5096 AS INTRODUCED 9-21-95

Public Act 87 of 1995 (House Bill 4435) essentially created an open presidential primary and eliminated the requirement that voters declare a party preference in order to vote in a presidential primary. House Bill 5096 would authorize a clerk or authorized assistant to remove the party preference declaration from registration files and lists and would specify that the portion of a voter registration record that contains a party preference or no preference declaration would not be subject to the Freedom of Information Act. A clerk (or any other person) would be prohibited from releasing a copy of or otherwise disclosing the portion of a voter registration record containing a party preference or no preference declaration. The bill also provides that a clerk would not be required to prepare and send a corrected voter identification card to a voter who had previously made a declaration of party preference or no preference.

MCL 168.495a and 168.499

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