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House Bill 4447 (as passed by the House)  
Sponsor: Representative Michael Hanley  
House Committee: Local Government  
Senate Committee: Local, Urban and State Affairs

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### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Charter Township Act to eliminate the requirement that a candidate for township office file nomination petitions in order to have his or her name printed under a political party heading on the official primary election ballot of the township. The petitions must bear the signatures of a number of registered and qualified voters of the township equal to at least 1% but not more than 4% of the total number of votes cast for the office of township supervisor in the last election in which a supervisor was elected. The petitions must be filed with the township clerk by 4 p.m. of the 12th Tuesday before the day designated for holding the primary election.

The bill would retain requirements that candidates for charter township office be nominated at the general primary election held in the township before each general election at which township officers are to be elected, and that the primary election be conducted, "as near as may be", pursuant to the Michigan Election Law.

MCL 42.4

Legislative Analyst: S. Lowe

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

Fiscal Analyst: R. Ross

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