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House Bill 4028 (Substitute H-1 as passed by the House)  
House Bill 4408 (Substitute H-2 as passed by the House)  
Sponsor: Representative Mickey Mortimer  
House Committee: Constitutional Law and Ethics  
Senate Committee: Government Operations

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### **CONTENT**

**The bills would amend the Michigan Election Law to advance the date of the presidential primary and related dates regarding the submission of nominating petitions and other required filings.** House Bill 4408 (H-2) is tie-barred to House Bill 4028.

House Bill 4028 (H-1) would change the date of the Statewide presidential primary election from the third Tuesday in March to the fourth Tuesday in February in each presidential election year.

House Bill 4408 (H-2) would change from the second Friday in December to the second Friday in November, the year before a presidential election, the deadline for the Secretary of State to issue a list of the individuals generally advocated by the national news media to be potential candidates for each party's nomination; and for the State chairperson of each political party for which a primary will be held to file a list of individuals whom they consider to be candidates. Further, the bill would change the deadline for candidates to file nominating petitions and an affidavit of candidacy with the Secretary of State from the second Friday in January to the second Friday in December of the year before a primary. In addition, the bill provides that a signature on a nominating petition would not be valid if obtained before October 1 (instead of November 1) of the year preceding a presidential election year.

MCL 168.613a (H.B. 4028)  
168.614a & 168.615a (H.B. 4408)

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

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

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