
Senate Fiscal Agency
P. O. Box 30036
Lansing, Michigan 48909-7536

SFA**BILL ANALYSIS**

Telephone: (517) 373-5383
Fax: (517) 373-1986
TDD: (517) 373-0543

House Bill 4408 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Representative Mickey Mortimer
House Committee: Constitutional Law and Ethics
Senate Committee: Government Operations

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Election Law to 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; and advance related dates regarding the submission of nominating petitions and other required filings.

The bill 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 he or she considers 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.

The bill is tie-barred to Senate Bill 51. Senate Bill 51, as passed by the House, would amend the Michigan Election Law to 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.

MCL 168.614a & 168.615a

Legislative Analyst: G. Towne

FISCAL IMPACT

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

Date Completed: 6-9-99

Fiscal Analyst: E. Limbs