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CONSOLIDATE PRECINCTS IN UNCONTESTED ELECTION

House Bill 4162

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Committee: Redistricting and Elections

Complete to 3-4-01

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4162 AS INTRODUCED 2-8-01

The bill would amend the Michigan Election Law to allow the consolidation of election precincts for a city, ward, township, or village election that was uncontested; that is, an election at which the number of candidates for elective office was equal to or less than the number of candidates to be elected.

In such a case, under the bill, the election commissioners of a city, ward, township, or village divided into two or more election precincts could by resolution consolidate the election precincts for that election only. The consolidation would have to be made at least 120 days prior to a primary, general, or special election. If an individual filed a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate after a consolidation resolution had been passed, the election would still be considered to be an uncontested election for the purposes of the bill.

If precincts were consolidated, the election commissioners would be required to provide the registered voters with notice of the consolidation and notice of the location of the polling places for the election and would have to post a written notice at each election precinct polling place stating the location of the consolidated election precinct polling place for that election.

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