

# GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE DEBATES



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FISCAL ANALYSIS

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## HOUSE BILL 6332 (AS INTRODUCED)

**Sponsor:** Rep. Larry Julian

**House Committee:** Commerce

## COMMITTEE ANALYSIS - 9/25/02

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### SUMMARY

House Bill 6332 would amend the Michigan Campaign Finance Act to require gubernatorial candidates to participate in public debates if they receive money from the state campaign fund. The bill specifies the geographic regions where the debates will be held, when they will be scheduled, and the format of the debate.

The bill does not address who will bear the cost of the required debates. The Department of State currently does not and has not in the past provided funding for debates. Organizations such as The League of Women Voters, Common Cause and Michigan Citizen's Lobby have sponsored certain debates as a public service.

There is no fiscal impact to either the State or local units of government by this bill.