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Senate Bill 440 (Substitute S-2 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Glenn D. Steil
Committee: Government Operations

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Election Law to do the following:

- Require regular school elections to be held, and local elected officials to be elected, at a November odd-year election, unless a school district or local unit was eligible to hold its regular election during another time in an odd-numbered year and chose to do so as provided in the bill.
- Provide for calling, administering, and canvassing school elections, and require a school district election coordinator for a school district to conduct all regular and special school elections. A "school district election coordinator" would be either: 1) a city or township clerk, for a school district whose entire territory lay within a single city or township; or 2) the county clerk of the county in which there was the largest geographic portion of the school district, for a district that had territory in more than one city or township.
- Create in each school district a school district election coordinating committee (composed of local election officials and the school board secretary) and require it to file a report stating the arrangements that were agreed upon to conduct the school district's elections.

The bill would repeal provisions in the Law that do the following:

- Allow local elections to be held in April of odd-numbered years.
- Require certain township primary elections to be held in February.
- Require a county, city, township, village, or school district to submit an election schedule for special elections to the county election scheduling committee, and prescribe the membership of the committee.
- Allow home rule cities, school districts, community colleges, cities, and villages to hold elections on various dates as provided in the Law.

The bill would take effect January 1, 2003, and is tie-barred to Senate Bills 438 and 439.

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FISCAL IMPACT

Please see **FISCAL IMPACT** on Senate Bill 438 (S-1).

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