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Senate Bill 760 (as reported without amendment)  
Sponsor: Senator Loren Bennett  
Committee: Government Operations

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Michigan Election Law to eliminate a number of provisions that pertain to elections by and within school districts; and would allow certain candidates for office to pay a filing fee rather than submit nominating petitions. The bill would delete provisions that do the following:

- Require a city or township clerk to send to a school district information on the application of a person registering to vote.
- Allow a voter to sign a registration card at the office of the secretary of a school district.
- Allow a school district or intermediate school district to use a voter registration list.
- Require a local election clerk to notify a school district of canceled voter registrations.
- Require the Secretary of State to instruct school officials about voter registration procedures and election requirements.
- Require the Secretary of State and local clerks to record in the qualified voter file voter registration applications taken by the secretary of a school board.
- Require the secretary of a school board to release certain registration records.
- Allow recall petitions to be signed by electors who are not registered.

The bill provides that instead of filing nominating petitions, an individual could become a candidate for a nonpartisan office or to replace a recalled school board member by paying a \$100 nonrefundable fee to the local election clerk. (Alternatively, a candidate still could file nominating petitions, as prescribed in the Law.)

The bill would take effect January 1, 2003, and is tie-barred to Senate Bills 438, 439, and 440.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

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

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