

# Fiscal Analysis

## Initiative and Referendum Petition Size and Format



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<b>Bill/Sponsor</b>	<b>HOUSE BILL 5214 AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE,</b> Rep. Leon Drolet
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<b>House Committee</b>	Local Government and Urban Policy
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### **Analysis**

#### **Summary**

House Bill 5214 would amend Section 482 of the Michigan Election Law, 1954 PA 116, by changing requirements for the size of sheets used for petitions proposing a constitutional amendment, initiation of legislation, referendum on legislation, and/or putting a question on a local ballot. Currently, each petition is required to be on a sheet measuring 8-½" x 14". The bill would require that petitions printed on this size sheet be printed in horizontal format and contain no fewer than seven signature lines.

Also, the bill would authorize the use of petition sheets measuring 8 ½" x 11", printed in either horizontal or vertical format, as long as the full text of the proposal was able to be printed on one or both sides of the 8 ½" x 11" sheet and each petition sheet submitted was 8 ½" x 11" in size.

#### **Fiscal Impact**

House Bill 5214 would have no fiscal impact on the state or on local units of government.

### **Analyst(s)**

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