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## 8-DAY SIGNATURE CHALLENGE PERIOD FOR RECALL ELECTIONS

House Bill 4245

Sponsor: Rep. Jack Minore

Committee: Local Government and  
Urban Policy

Complete to 2-20-03

### A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4245 AS INTRODUCED 2-18-03

House Bill 4245 would amend the Michigan Election Law to specify that an officer whose recall is sought would have not less than 8 business days after the clerk had examined the signatures, to check signatures on the original registration records.

Currently the law specifies that an officer whose recall is sought may challenge the validity of the registration, or the validity and genuineness of the signature of a circulator, or the signature of a person signing the recall petition. A challenge must be in writing, specifying the challenged signature, and it must be delivered to the filing official within 30 days after the filing of petitions. The officer whose recall is sought then has an eight-day period to examine the signature. House Bill 4245 would retain this protocol, however the bill specifies a longer examination period of eight business days, rather than eight days.

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