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Senate Bill 845 (as introduced 12-2-03)
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Election Law to require the State central committee of a political party to forward to the Secretary of State the names of its candidates for U.S. President and Vice President within one business day after the party's State or national convention; and require the Secretary of State, rather than the State central committee of a political party, to forward to county boards of election commissioners the names of the candidates nominated at the party's State convention.

Currently, within one business day after a political party's State convention before a general election, the chairperson and secretary of the party's State central committee must forward to the board of election commissioners of each county, and to the Secretary of State, a list of the names and residence of all candidates nominated at the convention. In each presidential election year, the State central committee must, at the same time, forward to the boards of election commissioners and the Secretary of State the names of that party's candidates for President and Vice President of the United States.

The bill would delete the requirements that the State central committee of each political party forward the names of its candidates to the county boards of election commissioners. The chairperson and secretary of a State central committee still would have to forward to the Secretary of State a list of candidates nominated at the party's State convention. In each presidential election year, the State central committee of each political party, within one business day after that party's State convention or national convention, whichever was later, would have to forward to the Secretary of State the names of the party's candidates for U.S. President and Vice President.

The bill would require the Secretary of State to forward a copy of a list received under these provisions to the board of election commissioners in each county, in care of the county clerk at the county seat.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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