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H.B. 5194: FLOOR ANALYSIS

House Bill 5194 (as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Representative Dale Sheltrown

House Committee: Conservation and Outdoor Recreation

Senate Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 93 (Soil Conservation Districts) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to permit a resident of a conservation district unable to attend the district's annual meeting to vote by mail for conservation district directors.

Currently, a person unable to attend the annual meeting may vote for district directors at the conservation district office during regular business hours any time after the official notice of the annual meeting and before the annual meeting. The bill also would permit a person to vote by mail during the same time period.

MCL 324.9307 Legislative Analyst: Suzanne Lowe

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State government. Local conservation districts would incur the cost of printing and mailing absentee ballots for the election of district directors. The cost would depend on the number of absentee ballots requested.

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