

Legislative Analysis



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House Bill 5813

Sponsor: Rep. Chris Ward

Committee: House Oversight, Elections, and Ethics

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5813 AS INTRODUCED 3-2-06

House Bill 5813 would amend the Michigan Election Law to set a filing deadline for candidates who stand as candidates for village offices during the November general election.

The bill requires that nominating petitions for village offices be filed with the appropriate township clerk by 4 p.m. on the 12th Tuesday before the general election in November (a date that will fall in August). After a nominating petition is filed, the candidate would not be permitted to withdraw unless a written withdrawal notice, signed by the candidate, was filed with the clerk no later than 4 p.m. of the 3rd day after the last day for filing the nominating petition.

Currently under the law, filing deadlines are set in a similar fashion as for village councils who hold their regular elections at the September primary election.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would not appear to have any significant fiscal impact.

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