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House Bill 4258 (Substitute S-1 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)
Sponsor: Representative Fred Miller
House Committee: Government Operations
Senate Committee: Judiciary

CONTENT

The bill would amend Chapter 1 of the Revised Statutes of 1846 to allow a person who was unable to write to use a fingerprint when a written signature is required by law.

Chapter 1 of the Revised Statutes of 1846 contains rules for the construction of Michigan statutes. Chapter 1 provides that, if the written signature of a person is required by law, the signature must be his or her proper handwriting or, if the person is unable to write, his or her proper mark. Under the bill, unless otherwise expressly prohibited by law, a person's proper mark could be his or her clear and classifiable fingerprint made with ink or another substance.

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FISCAL IMPACT

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

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