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House Bill 4258 (as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Fred Miller
House Committee: Government Operations
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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, a proper mark could include a person's visible fingerprint made with ink or another substance.

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Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

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

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