

Legislative Analysis



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House Bill 5560

Sponsor: Rep. Dian Slavens

Committee: Ethics and Elections

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5560 AS INTRODUCED 10-28-09

House Bill 5560 would amend the Michigan Election Law to change the candidate or certification deadline to 4 p.m. on the *twelfth Tuesday before the odd year general election*, if a charter provides for nomination by caucus or by filing a petition or affidavit. The bill also specifies a candidate filing or certification deadline of 4 p.m. on the *twelfth Tuesday before the primary*, if a charter provides for the election at the primary of a candidate who receives more than 50 percent of the votes cast for that office.

Currently, the section of law being amended (Section 644e) does not specify a date and time certain for the filing deadline. Instead the law allows the governing body of a jurisdiction to provide, by ordinance, for a caucus date or filing date.

MCL 168.644e

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 5560 would have an indeterminate, but likely negligible, fiscal impact on state and local government.

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