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Senate Bill 129 (Substitute S-2 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)
Senate Bill 130 (Substitute S-1 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)
Sponsor: Senator Cameron S. Brown
Committee: Education

CONTENT

Senate Bill 129 (S-2) would amend the Michigan Election Law to require the board of canvassers for each county containing a portion of a school district to canvass the portion of a school district election that was held in its county, and transmit the results to the county clerk in the county in which the greatest number of registered voters in the district reside. If a school district election precinct lay in more than one county, the board of canvassers of the county in which the largest number of registered electors of that precinct reside would have to canvass the results of that precinct. Upon receiving the results, the county clerk would have to make a statement of returns and certify the results to the secretary of the school board.

A board of county canvassers that was not responsible for certifying the results of the school district election would not be required to meet to canvass the school district election unless that election was conducted on the same date as another election in the county. Instead, the board of canvassers responsible for certifying the results of the school district election would have to canvass that portion of the election held in that county.

Senate Bill 130 (S-1) would amend the Michigan Election Law to make an exception to the requirement that, upon completing the canvass of a school election, the appropriate board of canvassers make a statement of returns and certify the election of school board members to the secretary of the school board, the county clerk, and the school district election coordinator, if other than the county clerk. Under the bill, this would apply except as provided in Senate Bill 129 (S-2).

The bills are tie-barred to one another and to Senate Bill 455, which would amend the Law to require a recount petition for a school district election to be filed with the clerk of the board of canvassers that certified the result of the election.

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168.307 (S.B. 130)

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FISCAL IMPACT

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

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