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House Bill 5560 (as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Dian Slavens
House Committee: Ethics and Elections
Senate Committee: Campaign and Election Oversight

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Election Law to revise the filing or certification deadlines for certain candidates in odd-year elections.

Under the Law, as a rule, an officer required to be elected at the odd-year general election must be nominated at the odd-year primary election. If a local charter provides for nomination by caucus or by filing a petition or affidavit directly for the general election, or provides for the election at the primary of a candidate who receives more than 50% of the votes cast for that office, however, the local governing body may provide by ordinance for a caucus date, filing date, or other provisions to the extent necessary to be consistent with the odd-year general election requirement and the intent of the charter provisions.

Under the bill, instead, if a charter provided for nomination by caucus or by filing a petition or affidavit directly for the general election, the candidate filing deadline or certification deadline would be 4 p.m. on the 12th Tuesday before the odd-year general election. If a charter provided for the election at the primary of a candidate who received more than 50% of the votes cast for that office, the candidate filing deadline or certification deadline would be 4 p.m. on the 12th Tuesday before the primary.

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FISCAL IMPACT

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

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