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House Bills 6247 and 6248 (as passed by the House) Sponsor: Representative Kathy Angerer (H.B. 6247)

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House Committee: Ethics and Elections

CONTENT

<u>House Bill 6247</u> would amend the Michigan Election Law to define "September election" with respect to the election of village offices, and delete the definition of "September primary election".

The Law defines "September primary election" as the primary election, or for a village that holds its regular election for a village office in September, the regular election, held on the first Tuesday after the second Monday in September in an odd year. Under the bill, instead, "September election" would mean the election held on the first Tuesday after the second Monday in September in an odd year for the election of village offices.

<u>House Bill 6248</u> would amend the Michigan Election Law to require a city to hold its regular election primary at the odd-year primary election, if it adopted a resolution to hold its primary at the September election.

Currently, if a city council adopted a resolution to hold its regular election primary at the September primary election, the council may change its regular election primary to the odd-year primary election by adopting a resolution in compliance with the Law. If a city council does so, after December 31 of the year in which the resolution is adopted, the city's regular election primary will be on the odd-year primary election date. The bill would delete these provisions.

Under the bill, after December 31, 2010, if a city adopted a resolution to hold its regular election primary at the September election, the city would have to hold its regular election primary at the odd-year primary election.

(The Law defines "odd year primary election" as the election held on the August regular election date in an odd-numbered year.)

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FISCAL IMPACT

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

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