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Senate Bills 44 and 45 (as introduced 1-28-15)
Sponsor: Senator Dave Robertson
Committee: Elections and Government Reform

(Senate-passed version)

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CONTENT

The bills would amend the Michigan Election Law to move the presidential primary from the fourth Tuesday in February to the third Tuesday in March; and change the February regular election date to the third Tuesday in March when a presidential primary was held.

The bills are tie-barred. Each bill would take effect 90 days after the date it was enacted.

Senate Bill 44

Section 613a of the Election Law requires a statewide presidential primary election to be conducted on the fourth Tuesday in February in each presidential election year. The bill would require the primary to be conducted, instead, on the third Tuesday in March.

Senate Bill 45

Section 641 of the Election Law specifies four regular election dates and, except as otherwise provided, requires an election conducted under the Law to be held on one of those dates.

The four specified dates include the February regular election date, which is the fourth Tuesday in February. Under the bill, however, in each presidential election year when a statewide presidential primary was held under Section 613a, the February regular election date would be the third Tuesday in March.

(The remaining regular election dates are the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May, in August, and in November. Section 641 is named the "Hammerstrom Election Consolidation Law".)

MCL 168.613a (S.B. 44)
168.641 (S.B. 45)

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FISCAL IMPACT

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

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