

REPORTING ON CLERK TRAININGS

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Senate Bill 306 (S-1) as passed by the Senate

Sponsor: Sen. Roger Victory

House Committee: Elections and Ethics

Senate Committee: Elections

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SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 306 would amend the Michigan Election Law to require documentation of the trainings and instruction for clerks.

At least 60 days before each general November election, the secretary of state (SOS) would have to prepare and submit a report to the legislature that lists the names of city, county, and township clerks who are not current with the following:

- The mandatory initial course of instruction that statute requires SOS to establish and require of all new appointed or elected election officials within the six months preceding an election.
- Trainings for and by county clerks on conducting elections, as well as trainings of county, city, and township clerks on the training of precinct inspectors.
- Continuing election education training courses for county, city, township, and village clerks, which must be completed at least once every two years to maintain accreditation.

Additionally, at least 60 days before each general November election, SOS would have to post the report on the Department of State (DOS) website.

At least 90 days before each general November election, SOS would also have to send a notice by mail or email to each clerk who is not current with the required trainings. If within 30 days a clerk provided satisfactory evidence that that he or she is current, SOS would not include that clerk's name in the report. Additionally, upon receiving such evidence, SOS would have to immediately remove the clerk's name from an existing report posted on the DOS website.

Proposed MCL 168.33a

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would create new administrative responsibilities for the Department of State, and these would likely be supported with existing staffing levels. If additional partial or full-time FTE costs are required, they would correspond to the average full-time classified employee FTE cost for the Department of State in FY 2020-21, which was approximately \$102,500.

The bill would have no fiscal impact on local units of government.

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