## **Legislative Analysis**



## REMOVE ADDRESS AND CONTACT INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS FROM ELECTION MATERIALS

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House Bill 4163 as introduced Sponsor: Rep. Ryan Berman Committee: Elections and Ethics http://www.legislature.mi.gov

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## **SUMMARY:**

House Bill 4163 would amend the Michigan Campaign Finance Act to remove the requirement that certain election materials include the address or other contact information of the person paying for them.

Currently, section 47 of the act generally requires that billboards, placards, posters, pamphlets, or other printed materials referencing an election, candidate, or ballot question include the name and address of the person paying for the materials.

The bill would remove "and address" from that requirement.

Section 47 also now requires a prerecorded telephone message that expressly advocates for or against a clearly identified candidate, or for the qualification, passage, or defeat of a ballot question, to bear an identification that contains the name of the person paying for the message as well as that person's telephone number, address, or other contact information.

The bill would retain the requirement that the telephone message include the name of the person paying for it. However, that person's telephone number, address, or other contact information, while still allowed under the bill, would no longer be required.

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## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

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

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