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House Bill 4129 (as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Steve Marino
House Committee: Elections and Ethics
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Election law to do the following:

- **Require the Secretary of State (SOS), by no later than June 1 of each odd numbered year, to send a notice to each county, city, and township clerk who was not current with his or her continuing election training.**
- **Require the SOS, by no later than July 1 of each odd numbered year, to post the name of each county, city, and township clerk who was not current with his or her continuing election education training on the Department of State's website.**
- **Require the SOS to immediately remove the name of a clerk from the Department's website once that clerk provided satisfactory evidence to the SOS that he or she was current with his or her continuing election education training.**

Section 33 of the Law requires the Director of Elections to conduct training schools throughout Michigan before the general November election, and before other election as the Director considers advisable, for county clerks and their representatives with respect to the conducting of elections in accordance with election laws. The Director of Election must train all county, city, and township clerks who are involved in the training of precinct inspectors. The training must include team training and monitoring of their performance as trainers.

Lastly, the Director of Election must conduct continuing election education training courses for county, city, township, and village clerks to attend. Each clerk is required to attend and complete continuing election education training at least once every two years to maintain accreditation as a clerk. The Department of State is responsible for providing continuing election education training to the clerks at no charge to the clerks, counties, cities, townships, or villages.

Under the bill, no later than July 1 of each odd numbered year, the SOS would have to post on the Department of State's website the name of each county, city, and township clerk who was not current with his or her continuing election education training as required under Section 33. The SOS would have to immediately remove the name of a clerk whose name was posted on the Department's website when that clerk provided satisfactory evidence to the SOS that he or she was current with his or her continuing election education training.

No later than June 1 of each odd numbered year, the SOS would have to send notice by mail or e-mail to each county, city, and township clerk who was not current with his or her continuing election education training. If a clerk who was sent a notice provided satisfactory

evidence to the SOS before July 1 of that year that he or she was current with his or her training, the SOS could not post the name of the clerk on the Department's website.

Proposed MCL 168.33a

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FISCAL IMPACT

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

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