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House Bills 4282 through 4285 (as reported without amendment)

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Representative Terry J. Sabo (H.B. 4283) Representative Matt Koleszar (H.B. 4284) Representative Ann M. Bollin (H.B. 4285)

House Committee: Elections and Ethics

Senate Committee: Elections

CONTENT

<u>House Bills 4282, 4284, and 4285</u> would amend the Michigan Election Law to make nonrefundable a \$100 filing fee for a candidate to appear on the primary ballot for nomination for the office of State Senator or Representative, county offices and county road commissioner, and township offices, respectively, and to require the fee to be used only for the purchase and maintenance of voting machines.

<u>House Bill 4283</u> would amend Public Act 261 of 1966, which provides for the apportionment and manner of election of county boards of commissioners, to make nonrefundable a \$100 filing fee for a candidate to appear on the primary ballot for nomination for county board of commissioners, and to require the fee to be used only for the purchase or maintenance of voting equipment.

MCL 168.163 (H.B. 4282) 46.411 & 46.411a (H.B. 4283) 168.193 & 168.254 (H.B. 4284) 168.349 (H.B. 4285)

Legislative Analyst: Dana Adams

FISCAL IMPACT

The bills could have a positive fiscal impact on local units of government. The bills would make the \$100 filing fees for candidates for public office nonrefundable, which would allow the local government to retain the revenue to purchase or maintain voting equipment. The amount of revenue for a local unit of government would be indeterminate and would vary by local unit of government. The amount of revenue retained by a local unit of government would depend on the actual number of candidates who paid a \$100 filing fee.

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