Legislative Analysis



INDICATE PARTY AFFILIATION FOR CANDIDATES SEEKING PARTISAN OFFICE ONLY

House Bill 4076 as introduced Sponsor: Rep. Andrew Fink

Committee: Elections

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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4076 would amend the Michigan Election Law to require only candidates who are running for nomination or election to a partisan office to state their political party or indicate no party affiliation when filing a nominating petition, qualifying petition, filing fee, or affidavit of candidacy. Currently, candidates for all elected offices must include such a statement, in addition to all other required information.¹

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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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¹ The current requirements and a sample affidavit of identity form can be found here: https://www.michigan.gov/sos/media/Project/Websites/sos/25delrio/ED104_Aff_ID_Fil_Rec_Vendor_83725_7.pdf. The form allows a candidate to indicate that they are running for a nonpartisan office without a party affiliation.