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OPEN PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

House Bill 4186

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4186 AS INTRODUCED 2-9-93

Currently, under the Michigan Election Law, an elector must declare a party preference within 30 days of a presidential primary election to be eligible to vote in that election. An elector's party preference or non-party preference declaration is filed in the elector's precinct registration file, the master registration files, and the precinct registration list. House Bill 4186 would amend the election law to establish open presidential primary elections, and to delete all references to party preferences from the act. The bill would also require that, within 90 days after the effective date of the bill, electors' declarations for party preference be removed from the above files and from any precinct registration lists; and that city and township clerks remove records containing the names of party ballots voted by electors in the 1992 election.

MCL 168.495 et al.

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