

Legislative Analysis



PERMANENT ABSENT VOTER LIST

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House Bill 5456

Sponsor: Rep. Fred Miller

Committee: Ethics and Elections

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5456 AS INTRODUCED 9-23-09

House Bill 5456 would amend the Michigan Election Law to require each county, city, township, and village clerk to maintain a permanent absent voter list and send the voters on that list an application for an absent voter ballot for each election.

Under the bill, qualified and registered electors could request to be placed on the permanent absent voter list in the jurisdiction where they were registered to vote. A request to be placed on the list would be made to the appropriate clerk in person or by telephone, fax, or first-class mail. The clerk would then send to each elector on the list an application for an absent voter ballot for each election.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 5456 would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on local units of government. Any fiscal impact would be the result of increased administrative costs in administering and maintaining a permanent absent voter list and sending an application to all electors on the permanent absent voter list.

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