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Senate Bill 1126 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Michelle A. McManus
Committee: Campaign and Election Oversight

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Election Law to require a school district election coordinating committee to meet and report at intervals of four years, rather than two years, and make the committee's election arrangements binding on participating jurisdictions for at least four years, rather than at least two years, after the report was filed.

The Law requires the school district election coordinating committee for each school district to file with the Secretary of State a report that sets forth the arrangements that are agreed upon for the conduct of the school district's elections. A coordinating committee must meet at two-year intervals to review and, if necessary, alter the election arrangements set forth in its previous report. Under the bill, the two-year interval requirement would apply until December 31, 2012. Beginning January 1, 2013, a school district election coordinating committee would have to meet at four-year intervals to review the previous report's election arrangements and alter them if necessary.

After each review, a coordinating committee must either notify the Secretary of State in writing that its previous report is not being altered or file an altered report with the Secretary of State. Election arrangements made by the clerks of the jurisdictions participating in the school district election coordinating committee are binding on the participating jurisdictions for at least two years after the report is filed. Under the bill, that would apply until December 31, 2012. Beginning January 1, 2013, election arrangements made by the clerks of the participating jurisdictions would be binding on them for at least four years after the report was filed. As currently provided, each jurisdiction would continue to be bound until an altered report was filed.

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FISCAL IMPACT

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

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