

## AMEND BALLOT CHALLENGE REQUIREMENTS

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### House Bill 4567 (H-1) as reported from committee

Sponsor: Rep. Penelope Tsernoglou

Committee: Elections

Complete to 6-11-23

Analysis available at  
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### SUMMARY:

House Bill 4567 would amend the Michigan Election Law to no longer require certain ballots to be automatically challenged.

Michigan voters can register to vote in person up to and on election day with proof of residency.<sup>1</sup> If the voter cannot prove residency in a city or township with a driver's license or official state personal ID card, they may do so using both of the following, but if the voter is registering 14 days or less before an election or on election day, then the voter's ballot must be processed as a challenged ballot:

- Allowable *identification for election purposes*<sup>2</sup> or an affidavit indicating that the voter does not have that identification.
- A current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check, or other government document.

The Michigan Election Law also provides that if a voter does not have identification for election purposes when obtaining an absentee ballot from their local clerk's office, they cannot be given the ballot unless they sign an affidavit to that effect, and their ballot must then be processed as challenged.

**House Bill 4567** would no longer require ballots to be automatically processed as challenged when cast by voters who register in person 14 days or less before an election or on election day and provide identification for election purposes and a document indicating their residency or do not provide identification for election purposes and instead sign an affidavit. Additionally, absentee voters who sign an affidavit stating that they do not have identification for election purposes when receiving an absentee ballot from their local clerk would no longer have their ballots automatically prepared as a challenged ballot for reason of not having ID.

MCL 168.497 et seq.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the state or on local units of government.

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<sup>1</sup> Voters may register in person without proof of residency up to and including 15 days before election day.

<sup>2</sup> *Identification for election purposes* is defined in section 2 of the Election Law and generally includes official IDs issued by a state, the U.S. government, the military, or a high school or institution of higher education. The full list can be found here: [https://www.michigan.gov/sos/-/media/Project/Websites/sos/05mcalpine/photo\\_id\\_flyer.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/sos/-/media/Project/Websites/sos/05mcalpine/photo_id_flyer.pdf). More information on Michigan's voter ID laws can be found here: <https://www.michigan.gov/sos/elections/upcoming-election-information/voters/election-day/a-guide-to-voter-id-affidavit-at-the-polls>.

## POSITIONS:

Representatives of the following entities testified in support of the bill:

- City of Ann Arbor (5-23-23)
- City of Lansing (5-23-23)
- City of East Lansing (5-23-23)
- Pride at Work Michigan (6-6-23)
- Promote the Vote (5-23-23)
- Voters Not Politicians (5-23-23)

The following entities indicated support for the bill:

- Michigan Department of State (5-23-23)
- American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan (5-23-23)
- Anti-Defamation League Michigan (5-23-23)
- Campaign Legal Center (5-23-23)
- Common Cause Michigan (6-6-23)
- League of Women Voters of Michigan (5-23-23)
- Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks (5-23-23)
- Michigan Democratic Party (6-6-23)
- Michigan League of Conservation Voters (5-23-23)
- Michigan League for Public Policy (6-6-23)
- NextGen America (6-6-23)
- Secure Democracy (5-23-23)

The following entities indicated opposition to the bill:

- Heritage Action for America (5-23-23)
- Pure Integrity for Michigan Elections (6-6-23)

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