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House Bill 4567 (Substitute H-2 as passed by the House)  
Sponsor: Representative Penelope Tsernoglou  
House Committee: Elections  
Senate Committee: Elections and Ethics

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## **CONTENT**

**The bill would amend the Michigan Election Law to delete a provision requiring an individual's ballot to be prepared as a challenged ballot if the applicant registered to vote in person within 14 days before an election and, at the time of registration, used a form of identification and proof of residency that was not a State issued license or identification card.**

Currently, if an applicant for voter registration does not have an operator's or chauffeur's license or an official State personal identification card, the applicant may use another accepted form of identification for election purposes (such as a tribal or military identification card) and provide the following documents to prove residency, if the documents contain the applicant's name and address:

- A current utility bill.
- A current bank statement.
- A current paycheck, government check, or other government document.

If an applicant does not have another accepted form of identification for election purposes, the applicant may register to vote if the applicant signs an affidavit and provides one of the documents listed above.

If an applicant registers to vote in person within 14 days of an election under either circumstance described above, the applicant's ballot must be prepared as a challenged ballot and counted as any other ballot is counted unless determined otherwise by a court of law or any other applicable law. The bill would delete this provision. (An election inspector may challenge an applicant applying for a ballot if the inspector has good reason to suspect the applicant is not a qualified and registered elector. Upon a challenge being made, the inspector must identify the voted ballot and write a report recording certain information).<sup>1</sup>

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## **FISCAL IMPACT**

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

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<sup>1</sup> For more information, see MCL 168.727.

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