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## BILL ANALYSIS

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House Bill 4695 (Substitute S-2 as reported)  
Sponsor: Representative Penelope Tsernoglou  
House Committee: Elections  
Senate Committee: Elections and Ethics

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Michigan Election Law to do the following:

- Specify that a city and township board of election commissioners would have to appoint for each early voting site at least three election inspectors.
- Remove a requirement that each separate tabulator in an early voting site be balanced against a poll list and require, instead, the tabulators to be balanced collectively.
- Specify that, after the first day of early voting, the board of election inspectors would have to lock the room in which the early voting site was located instead of the building.
- Delete a requirement that any absent voter ballots to be processed at an early voting site be secured in a locked room at the site.
- Require the room, instead of the building, that an early voting site was located to be locked upon close of the first day of early voting.
- Require the precinct election inspectors to, among other things, use the write-in report produced by the tabulator or the write-in votes indicated on ballots to tally the early voting write-in votes.

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### **BRIEF RATIONALE**

Proposal 22-2 was a ballot initiative that significantly modified elections in Michigan. Among other things, the Proposal required nine days of early in-person voting for each statewide and Federal election. According to testimony before the Senate Committee on Elections and Ethics, the implementation of the Proposal resulted in a few inconsistencies and vague provisions. Accordingly, it has been suggested that the Michigan Election Law, especially the new language concerning early voting, be modified to address these inconsistencies.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

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

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