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House Bill 4523 (Substitute H-2 as reported without amendment)

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Campaign Finance Act to provide that the late filing fee for failure to file a campaign statement would have to be paid by the candidate, and specify that the candidate could not use committee funds to pay the fee. The bill would apply to a candidate for State elective office or a judicial office.

Currently, the candidate committee of a candidate for State elective office or a judicial office must file a campaign statement. The committee, candidate, treasurer, or other individual designated as responsible for the committee's record-keeping or report preparation or filing is subject to a late filing fee of \$25 for each business day a statement remains unfiled, up to a maximum of \$500.

MCL 169.235 Legislative Analyst: G. Towne

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate. Revenue from fines collected depends upon the number of candidates against whom the late fees are assessed.

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