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House Bill 4414 (as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Patricia Birkholz
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Senate Committee: Education

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to permit registered and qualified electors of the county, or any county if more than one, in which a school district was located to serve as election inspectors in that district's school elections.

Currently, the Code requires a school board to appoint three or more school electors from each voting precinct to serve as the board of election inspectors in that precinct, except when the school election is conducted by city or township officials. The bill would refer to "qualified and registered electors", rather than "school electors", and would require a member of the board of election inspectors to be a qualified and registered elector of the county in which the school district was located or, if the school district were located in more than one county, a qualified and registered elector of any county in which the school district was located.

Under the Code, if a school district located wholly or partly in a city or township holds an election at the same time that the city or township holds an election, the election commissioners, election inspectors, and other election officials conducting the city or township election may act in their respective capacities for the school election when agreed upon by the school board and the governing body of the city or township for that portion of the school district located in the city or township. The bill would remove election inspectors from this provision. The bill specifies that, if agreed upon by the school board and the governing body of the city or township, an election inspector conducting a city or township election at the same time as a school election could serve as an election inspector for the school election.

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FISCAL IMPACT

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

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