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Senate Bill 513 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Bev Hammerstrom
Committee: Government Operations

CONTENT

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

- Allow a school district to change its regular election date to various elections other than the odd-year general election.
- Require certain information to appear on a petition for a school district to borrow money, increase millage, or establish a bond.
- Designate who would be responsible for establishing a school district's precincts and polling places.
- Establish procedures for a school board to obtain a temporary variance regarding the terms of office of board members.
- Require published notices of a ballot proposal to include a caption or brief description of the proposal, or the entire proposal in some cases.
- Provide for a county clerk, rather than the Governor, to call a special election to fill a vacancy in a township office.
- Increase the minimum time between the filing of a recall petition and the election on the question.
- Set a deadline for the filing of nominating petitions and withdrawal notices for village offices.
- Expand the offices listed in the nonpartisan section of a ballot.

MCL 168.301 et al.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have an indeterminate impact on local units of government related to published notices of ballot proposals.

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