

Legislative Analysis



STATUS UPDATES ON PETITIONS

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House Bill 5252 (H-1) as reported from committee
Sponsor: Rep. Bradley Slagh
Committee: Elections and Ethics
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 5252 would require the Bureau of Elections to provide regular updates about the review progress of petitions filed under Chapter 22 of the Michigan Election Law, such as initiative and referendum petitions and petitions to amend the constitution.

Currently, upon filing of a petition, the secretary of state must notify the Board of State Canvassers of the filing of the petition.

The bill would additionally require that, within two business days, the secretary of state must post on the Department of State's website a summary of the proposed amendment or question proposed and the date the petition was filed. Then, every 30 days thereafter, the secretary of state would have to update the status of that petition.

MCL 168.475

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the Department of State or on local units of government.

POSITIONS:

A representative of Pure Integrity for Michigan Elections testified and indicated a neutral position on the bill. (9-21-21)

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