

Legislative Analysis



ELECTION LAW SENTENCING GUIDELINES

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Senate Bill 371 (H-1) as adopted
Sponsor: Sen. Sylvia A. Santana
House Committee: Elections
Senate Committee: Elections and Ethics
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SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 371 is a companion bill to both Senate Bill 367, which would implement early voting and allow absentee ballots to be tabulated before election day, and Senate Bill 370, which would amend the Michigan Election Law to make several changes regarding absentee voting.

The bill would add the felony created by SB 367 to the sentencing guidelines provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure. Under the bill, disclosing an election result from an early voting site before election day would be a class E felony against the public trust with a statutory maximum term of imprisonment of five years. The bill would also update references to the Michigan Election Law to reflect paragraph numbering changes and a subsection removal that would be made by SB 367 and SB 370. The bill cannot go into effect unless both SBs 367 and 370 are also enacted.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 371 is a companion bill that amends the sentencing guidelines in the Code of Criminal Procedure to reflect changes proposed by Senate Bills 367 and 370. The bill would not have any fiscal impact on the state or local units of government.

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