

Legislative Analysis



NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE

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House Bill 4440 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Carrie A. Rheingans
Committee: Elections
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4440 would amend the Michigan Election Law to reflect changes to Michigan's presidential election process that would be made by entering into the National Popular Vote compact, an agreement among member states to award their electors to the presidential candidate receiving the most votes nationwide.¹

Under the bill, if the compact becomes effective, then the electors representing the political party of the presidential candidate that won the national popular vote at the next November election would be considered Michigan's presidential electors under the Michigan Election Law.

The bill is tie-barred to House Bill 4156, a bill that would enter Michigan into the National Popular Vote compact, meaning that House Bill 4440 would not go into effect unless HB 4156 were also enacted.²

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FISCAL IMPACT:

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

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¹ The compact becomes effective when states possessing a majority of the total electoral votes have joined. The National Popular Vote organization offers more information on the agreement, which can be found here: <https://www.nationalpopularvote.com/bill-text>.

² A summary of House Bill 4156 can be found here: <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2023-2024/billanalysis/House/pdf/2023-HLA-4156-AB12232B.pdf>.