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PENALIZE MISREPRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES' MILITARY SERVICE

House Bill 4696

Sponsor: Rep. Eileen DeHart

Committee: House Oversight and Ethics

Complete to 9-9-97

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4696 AS INTRODUCED 4-24-97

The bill would amend the Michigan Campaign Finance Act, adding a new section that would prohibit and penalize the misrepresentation of a candidate's military service by persons who paid for printed, radio, or television advertisements referring to an election or a candidate in such printed matter or advertisements. A person who knowingly violated the bill's prohibition would be guilty of a felony. If the violator were an individual, the felony would be punishable by a fine of up to \$100,000 and/or imprisonment for up to five years. If the violator were not an individual, the felony would be punishable by a fine of up to \$500,000. The sanctions imposed by the bill would be cumulative and would not prohibit any other remedies, penalties, or sanctions imposed under any other applicable law.

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