## "NO REASON" ABSENTEE VOTING



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**HOUSE BILL 4105 AS INTRODUCED** 

Sponsor: Rep. Marc Shulman

House Committee: Redistricting and Elections

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## **SUMMARY**

This bill would amend the Michigan Election Law to allow any qualified voter to vote by absentee ballot. Current requirements to be an "absent voter" would be eliminated and instead to be eligible for absentee voting the individual would need to be "a qualified and registered elector who wishes to vote without attending the polls on the day of an election."

There would be no fiscal impact to the state by this bill. Fiscal impact to local units of government are difficult to determine. The assumption is that more individuals would vote by absentee ballot if allowed. The number of individuals doing so is indeterminate. Cost factors to local units of government would be the number of individuals opting to vote absentee, the size of the ballot and associated printing, mailing and handling costs.