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Senate Bills 1094 and 1096 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Cameron S. Brown (S.B. 1094)
Senator John Pappageorge (S.B. 1096)
Committee: Campaign and Election Oversight

CONTENT

Senate Bill 1094 would amend the Michigan Election Law to revise the deadline for county clerks to deliver absent voter ballots to township and city clerks.

Under the Law, each county clerk must deliver absent voter ballots for each precinct to the clerk of each township and city in the county. The delivery must be at the earliest possible time and at least 45 days before the general November election and the preceding August primary, and at least 20 days before any other election or primary election in the county. The bill would delete the 20-day deadline for other elections, and would require that absent voter ballots be delivered at least 45 days before a regular election or special election.

In addition, under the Law, each county clerk must deliver ballots, other than absent voter ballots, and election supplies to the clerk of each township and city in the county at least 10 days before any election or primary election.

The bill specifies that each city, township, and village clerk would have to adhere to the deadlines described above for elections in which the county did not print the ballots.

Senate Bill 1096 would amend the Michigan Election Law to revise the deadline for a county board of commissioners to deliver absent voter ballots to the county clerk.

Under the Law, each county board of commissioners must deliver the ballots required for any regular or special election or official primary election to the county clerk at the earliest possible time after the proof of the ballots has been approved. The board also must deliver absent voter ballots to the county clerk at least 47 days before the general November election and the preceding August primary and at least 22 days before any other election or primary. Under the bill, the absent voter ballots would have to be delivered to the county clerk at least 47 days before any election or primary.

MCL 168.714 (S.B. 1094)
168.713 (S.B. 1096)

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bills would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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