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Senate Bill 1095 (as introduced 9-5-18)
Sponsor: Senator Wayne A. Schmidt
Committee: Elections and Government Reform

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Election Law to change the deadline for filing petitions or affidavits for a candidate for local office from the date of the primary election to the fifteenth week before the primary election.

The Election Law specifies that if candidates are nominated by filing petitions or affidavits, they must be filed at a time provided by charter, but not later than the date of the primary election. Under the bill, if candidates are nominated by filing petitions or affidavits, the candidate filing deadline would be 4 p.m. on the fifteenth Tuesday before the primary election.

Under the Law, except as provided within the specified sections, the qualifications, nomination, election, appointment, term of office, and removal from office of a city officer must be in accordance with the charter provisions governing the city. The bill would add to the list of sections currently listed Sections 322, 644e, 644f, and 646a. (Section 322 prescribes the deadline for a candidate's filing deadline for a May election. Section 644e, effective December 31, 2018, prescribes the candidate filing deadline for an odd-year general election. Section 644f pertains to the filing of nominating petitions for offices to be filled at an odd year general election. Section 646a relates to, among other things, the nomination and election of local officers at a general November election.)

The bill would take effect 90 days after it was enacted.

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FISCAL IMPACT

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

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