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House Bill 5550 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Penelope Tsernoglou
Committee: Elections
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 5550 would amend the Michigan Election Law to extend the time period by which an elections board must determine a recall petition to be factual and of sufficient clarity from 20 days to 40 days.

Under the Michigan Election Law, the Board of State Canvassers (BSC) must review petitions for the recall of U.S. senators, members of Congress, state senators and representatives, elected state officers, and county officials except county commissioners. County election commissioners review recall petitions for elected county commissioners; township, city, village, or school officials; elected district library board members; and elected metropolitan district officers.

After receiving a petition to recall an elected official, the BSC or a board of county election commissioners, as applicable, must vote on whether each reason for the recall stated by the petition is factual and of sufficient clarity to enable voters and the officer subject to the proposed recall to identify the basis for the recall. A board currently must hold a vote at least 10 days, but no more than 20 days, after receiving a recall petition.

House Bill 5550 would extend the time period according to which the BSC or a board of county election commissioners must hold a vote on a petition from 20 to 40 days after the petition is submitted. (The 10-day minimum would still apply.)

MCL 168.951a and 168.952

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

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