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House Joint Resolution E (proposed substitute H-1)
Sponsor: Rep. Bill G. Schuette

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House Bill 4148 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Donni Steele

Committee: Education and Workforce
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SUMMARY:

House Joint Resolution E would amend section 3 of Article VIII of the state constitution to allow Michigan's governor to appoint the state superintendent of public instruction, with the advice and consent of the Senate. The state superintendent would serve terms of up to four years, as determined by the governor.

Presently, the State Board of Education selects the state superintendent, and an individual remains in that role until either they resign or they are removed by State Board of Education action.

The joint resolution would also change the districts for state board members from at-large districts to the districts proposed by House Bill 4148.

To become effective, House Joint Resolution E would have to be adopted by a two-thirds majority of each house of the legislature and then be approved by voters at the immediately following even-year November election.

House Joint Resolution E states that it would apply to the appointment of state superintendents made on or after January 1, 2027.

House Bill 4148 would amend Michigan Election Law to provide that political parties must select candidates for the State Board of Education based on residency in districts.

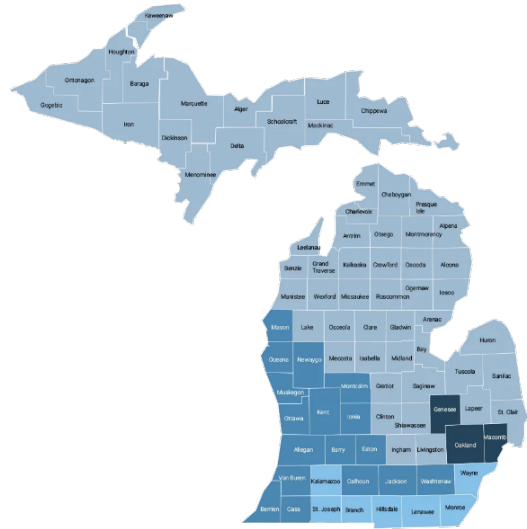
Presently, the political parties nominate two candidates every two years for election to the State Board, and those candidates may reside anywhere in the state (the state constitution of 1963 provides for at-large districts, and HJR E would amend this provision). Members of the board serve eight-year terms. The bill would institute four districts, mirroring those established under the Revised Judicature Act for the Court of Appeals.

District 1: Branch, Hillsdale, Kalamazoo, Lenawee, Monroe, St. Joseph, and Wayne Counties.

District 2: Genesee, Oakland, and Macomb Counties.

District 3: Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Calhoun, Cass, Eaton, Ionia, Jackson, Kent, Mason, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa, Van Buren, and Washtenaw Counties.

District 4: Alcona, Alger, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, Baraga, Bay, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Clare, Clinton, Crawford, Delta, Dickinson, Emmet, Gladwin, Gogebic, Grand Traverse, Gratiot, Houghton, Huron, Ingham, Iosco, Iron, Isabella, Kalkaska, Keweenaw, Lake, Lapeer, Leelanau, Livingston, Luce, Mackinac, Marquette, Manistee, Mecosta, Menominee, Midland, Missaukee, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Ontonagon, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon, Saginaw, St. Clair, Sanilac, Schoolcraft, Tuscola, and Wexford Counties.



Starting in 2026, political parties would nominate candidates based on the following schedule:

- In 2026, and every eight years thereafter, one candidate from District 1 and one candidate from District 4.
- In 2028 and every eight years thereafter, one candidate from District 2 and one candidate from District 3.
- In 2030, and every eight years thereafter, one candidate from District 1 and one candidate from District 4.
- In 2032, and every eight years thereafter, one candidate from District 2 and one candidate from District 3.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

House Joint Resolution E and House Bill 4148 would have no fiscal impact on the state or on local school districts, public school academies (PSAs), or intermediate school districts (ISDs).

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