

Legislative Analysis



MANNER OF SELECTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND STATE SUPERINTENDENT

Phone: (517) 373-8080
<http://www.house.mi.gov/hfa>

House Bill 4148 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Donni Steele

Analysis available at
<http://www.legislature.mi.gov>

House Joint Resolution E as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Bill G. Schuette

Committee: Education and Workforce
Complete to 3-11-25

SUMMARY:

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.

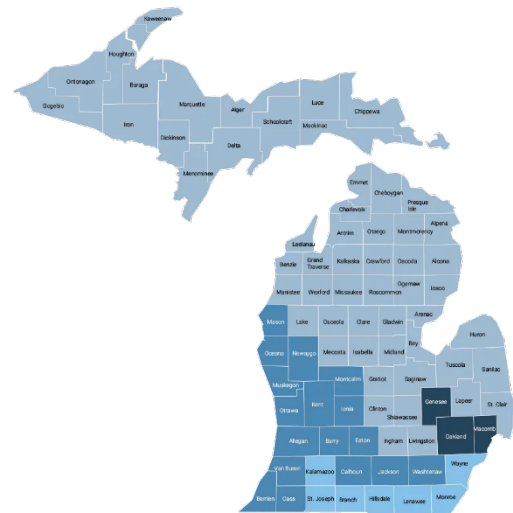
Presently, political parties nominate two candidates every two years for election to the State Board, and those candidates may reside anywhere in the state. Members of the board serve eight-year terms. The bill would institute four districts, mirroring those established under the Revised Judicature Act 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.

MCL 168.282a

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 action.

To become effective, HJR 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.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

Legislative Analyst: Josh Roesner
Fiscal Analysts: Jacqueline Mullen
Noel Benson

■ This analysis was prepared by nonpartisan House Fiscal Agency staff for use by House members in their deliberations and does not constitute an official statement of legislative intent.