

Legislative Analysis



ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL BOARDS AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARDS

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House Bill 4793 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Mike Hoadley

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

House Bill 4794 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Angela Rigas

House Bill 4795 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Rachelle Smit

Committee: Election Integrity
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SUMMARY:

House Bills 4793, 4794, and 4795 would amend different acts to eliminate provisions that require appointed and elected members of school boards and community college boards to file an *acceptance of office*¹ before they can serve in that office.

House Bill 4793 would amend the Michigan Election Law, which currently requires a person to file an acceptance of office within 10 business days after they are notified that they have been appointed or elected to serve on a school board. If they fail to do so, their seat on the board becomes vacant immediately. The bill would remove these provisions.

MCL 168.309 and 168.310

House Bill 4794 would amend the Community College Act to remove provisions that now require an individual who has been elected or appointed to serve on the board of trustees of a community college district to file an acceptance of office within 15 days after the appointment or the election's final canvass. Failure to do so results in an immediate vacancy in the office. The bill would remove these provisions.

In addition, the act now requires such an individual to file, with their acceptance of office, a written affidavit setting forth their legal eligibility to serve as a member of the board. The bill would remove these provisions.

MCL 389.156 and 389.157

House Bill 4795 would amend the Revised School Code. Under the code, if voters approve the consolidation of two or more school districts into a single district, the board of the intermediate school district containing the consolidated district must appoint individuals to act as a board for the consolidated district until school board elections are held. The bill would remove provisions that now require those individuals to file an acceptance of office and an affidavit of eligibility within seven days after they are appointed.

MCL 380.861

¹ See, e.g., on this form: https://www.michigan.gov/-/media/Project/Websites/sos/01holland/Accept_of_Off_New.pdf

House Bill 4793 is tie-barred to House Bills 4974 and 4975, and those bills are each tie-barred to House Bill 4793. A bill cannot take effect unless each bill it is tie-barred to is also enacted.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bills 4793 and 4795 would have no fiscal impact on the state or on local school districts, public school academies, or intermediate school districts.

House Bill 4794 would have no fiscal impact on the state or on community colleges.

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