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House Bill 4794

Sponsor: Rep. Greg Kaza

Committee: Local Government

Complete to 11-3-95

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4794 AS INTRODUCED 5-9-95

The bill would amend the Michigan Election Law to require that ballots provide a space after the listing of candidates for each office and after the "yes" and "no" choices for each ballot question for the voter to choose "NOTA", meaning "none of the above." This would apply to ballots for official primary, general, and special elections. The state director of elections would be required to approve a model ballot form to assist in the preparation of ballots that meet this requirement. All "NOTA" votes would be canvassed and released to the public as other votes cast in an election are. However, regardless of the number of NOTA votes, the candidate with the most votes or the "yes" or "no" choice with the most votes would prevail in the election.

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