

# Legislative Analysis



## REVISE INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM PETITION SIZE

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**House Bill 4328**

**Sponsor: Rep. Leon Drolet**

**Committee: House Oversight, Elections, and Ethics**

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## A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4328 AS INTRODUCED 2-17-05

House Bill 4328 would amend Section 482 of the Michigan Election Law to modify the requirements for the size of petition sheets for petitions proposing a constitutional amendment, the initiation of legislation, or a referendum on legislation, and for putting a question on a local ballot. Generally, the bill would amend the Michigan Election Law to allow petition sheets to be 8-1/2 inches by 11 inches, in addition to their customary size of 8-1/2 inches by 14 inches.

The act currently requires petitions to be in horizontal format. The bill would allow the use of a smaller petition sheet, in either horizontal or vertical format, if both of the following conditions were met: 1) the full text of the proposal was able to be printed on one or both sides of the 8-1/2 inches by 11 inches petition sheet; and 2) each petition sheet that was submitted was 8-1/2 inches by 11 inches in size.

Currently the law refers to "each petition." The bill would refer to "each petition sheet." The requirement that a petition sheet contain no fewer than seven signature lines would be retained.

MCL 168.482

## FISCAL IMPACT:

There would be no fiscal impact on state or local units of government.

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