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House Bill 4747 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
House Bill 4748 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Representative Kimberly LaSata (H.B. 4747)
Representative Julie Calley (H.B. 4748)
House Committee: Elections and Ethics
Senate Committee: Elections and Government Reform

CONTENT

House Bill 4748 (S-1) would amend the Michigan Election Law to do the following:

- Require a filing fee of \$100 to be paid to the township clerk to obtain the printing of the name of a candidate of a political party under that party's heading on a primary election ballot.
- Require the fee to be deposited in the township's general fund.
- Require that fee to be refunded to candidates who were nominated and to an equal number of candidates who received the next highest number of votes in the primary election.

House Bill 4747 (S-1) would amend the Michigan Election Law to specify that a proposed candidate for township office would not be permitted to withdraw after filing a nominating petition (as is the case currently) or the payment of the filing fee described in House Bill 4748 (S-1).

MCL 168.351 (H.B. 4747)
168.349 (H.B. 4748)

Legislative Analyst: Nathan Leaman

FISCAL IMPACT

House Bill 4747 (S-1) would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

House Bill 4748 (S-1) could have a positive fiscal impact on townships due the provision to allow the townships to collect a \$100 filing fee instead of a nominating petition. Currently there is no allowance for a filing fee in lieu of a nominating petition and no fee for a petition. Any filing fee would remain in the township's general fund, and would be additional revenue for the township.

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