

Legislative Analysis



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House Bill 6333 (H-2) as reported from committee
Sponsor: Rep. Steven Johnson
Committee: Government Operations
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 6333 would amend 1893 PA 58 to change the method for determining which member of the House of Representatives gets which seat in the House chamber.

Currently under the act, state representatives are allowed to choose their seats in an order determined by a combination of seniority and the drawing of lots.

Under the bill, on the first date of the first regular session of each new legislature (i.e., in each odd-numbered year), the clerk of the House would have to allocate the seats between the political parties whose members were elected to the House in the previous election. The majority and minority leaders would then assign a seat to each member of their respective caucuses. Anyone not assigned a seat in the execution of that process would be assigned one by the majority leader. The seat assignments would have to be printed in the House Journal.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact on state or local government.

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