ONLINE POSTING OF UNOFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

House Bill 5474 as introduced
Committee: Elections and Ethics
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 5474 would amend the Michigan Election Law to prohibit the posting of unofficial election results.

Section 807 of the law provides that, immediately after the canvass is completed, the results must be made available to interested persons who may be present.

The bill would add that the city, township, or county clerk cannot post on any website the unofficial results in a precinct until all of the precinct ballot returns and absent voter (AV) ballot returns for that precinct are complete.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

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

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