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**ELIMINATE LISTING OF
"POST OFFICE" ADDRESS**

House Bill 5466

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Committee: Redistricting and Elections

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5466 AS INTRODUCED 11-29-01

At a number of places in the Michigan Election Law the "post office addresses" of candidates or voters are required to be listed. House Bill 5466 would amend several sections of the law to delete the reference to "post office".

Section 46 deals with the certification of electors of President and Vice-President by the governor; Section 544c with nominating petitions for primary elections; Section 552 with the certification of candidates by county clerk, city clerk, or secretary of state; Section 590f with the certification of candidates without party affiliation filing qualifying petitions; Section 590h with the nature of the qualifying petition to be submitted by a candidate without party affiliation; and Section 759 with the address to which an absentee ballot is to be sent.

For example, Section 544c specifies the form for partisan nominating petitions and requires that a person signing the petition list his or her street address or rural route and post office. The bill would delete the requirement for the post office, although it would add a requirement that the zip code be listed. The circulator of the petition would also not need to list his or her post office. Section 552, to cite another example, requires the county or city clerk to certify to the proper board or boards of election commissioners the name and post office address of each party candidate whose petitions meet the requirements of the act. The bill would delete "post office" and simply require a candidate's name and address.

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