

Legislative Analysis



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House Bill 4382

Sponsor: Rep. Dan Scripps

Committee: Ethics and Elections

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A REVISED SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4382 AS INTRODUCED 2-19-09

House Bill 4382 would amend the Michigan Campaign Finance Act to prohibit candidate solicitations in state facilities.

More specifically, the bill prohibits a candidate, or a person acting on behalf of a candidate, from soliciting or accepting a contribution in a facility owned or leased by (or on behalf of) the state or a public body. However, this prohibition would not apply to a facility owned or leased by (or on behalf of) the state or a public body if that facility was primarily used as a family dwelling and was not used to conduct a fund-raising event; nor would it apply in a facility owned or leased by (or on behalf of) the state or a public body if any candidate had an equal opportunity to use the facility.

A person who violated this section of the act would be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days or a fine of not more than \$1,000, or both.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4382 would have an indeterminate, but likely negligible, fiscal impact. Any fiscal impact would be the result of the number of violations under the provisions of the bill. Any fine revenue collected for violations of the provisions of this bill would be dedicated to public libraries.

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