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Senate Bill 1254 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Phil Pavlov
Committee: Government Operations

CONTENT

The bill would enact a new law to provide for certain duties of the Secretary of State (SOS) relating to the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission. The bill would do the following:

- Require the SOS to promulgate rules and procedures providing for the form and minimum required contents of an application for commissioner of the Commission.
- Prescribe criteria that would apply in determining an individual's affiliation with a political party.
- Specify that an individual would be conclusively presumed to be affiliated with more than one political party if, within the previous six years, the individual offered to or did contribute, loan, or promise money or anything of value to more than one political party.
- Prohibit an individual who was affiliated with a political party from providing services, including legal and accounting services, to the Commission.
- Prescribe the manner in which applications would have to be provided to the general public and to Michigan registered voters.
- Specify that an individual who violated an oath or provided false information on an application would be responsible for a civil fine of \$500.

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FISCAL IMPACT

Initially, the Department of State would incur a cost for the requirements to make the applications for commissioner readily available to the public and to mail the applications to randomly-selected Michigan registered voters until the pool of candidates is filled, from which the commissioners will be selected. The Department of State estimates that the cost for each mailing would be between \$0.55 cents and \$1. The total cost of the mailings would depend on the number of letters actually mailed and the cost per parcel mailed.

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the State and could have a small positive impact on local governments. Any increase in revenue from civil infractions would be dedicated to public libraries.

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