

Legislative Analysis



STATUS UPDATES ON PETITIONS

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House Bill 5252 as enacted
Public Act 40 of 2022
Sponsor: Rep. Bradley Slagh
House Committee: Elections and Ethics
Senate Committee: Elections
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 5252 requires the Bureau of Elections to provide regular updates about the review progress of petitions filed under Chapter 22 of the Michigan Election Law, such as initiative and referendum petitions and petitions to amend the constitution.

Under the act, upon the filing of a petition, the secretary of state must immediately notify the Board of State Canvassers of the filing of the petition.

The bill additionally requires that, within two business days, the secretary of state must post on the Department of State's website a summary of the proposed amendment or question and the date the petition was filed. If a summary of the amendment or question was submitted to and approved by the Board of State Canvassers, that summary must be used. Then, at least every 30 days thereafter, the secretary of state must update the status of that petition.

The bill took effect March 23, 2022.

MCL 168.475

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

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