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Senate Bill 385 (as introduced 6-13-23)
Sponsor: Senator Erika Geiss
Committee: Elections and Ethics

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Election Law to allow a county, city, or township clerk to accept the filing of an application for precinct election inspector through an online application portal or by other electronic means.

Among other things, the Law prescribes the process for applying for the position of a precinct election inspector. To be appointed to a board of election inspectors, an individual must file an application with the city or township clerk in the county where the individual wishes to serve as a precinct election inspector. The bill would allow an application to be filed with a county clerk to fulfill this requirement. Additionally, the bill would delete a requirement that the application be in the applicant's own handwriting.

Under the bill, a county, city, or township clerk could allow an applicant for precinct election inspector to file an application through an online application portal or by other electronic means.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the State and an indeterminate fiscal impact on local units of government. It would allow for electronic filing of the application for precinct election inspector. The local units of government would have a cost to build the electronic filing system if one did not already exist. The local units of government would have an indeterminate cost or savings of using an electronic system compared to the current system.

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