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Senate Bill 442 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
Senate Bill 443 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
Sponsor: Senator George A. McManus, Jr.  
Committee: Government Operations

### **CONTENT**

Senate Bill 442 (S-1) would amend the Home Rule Village Act, and Senate Bill 443 (S-1) would amend the General Law Village Act, to provide that an election held under the Act would be subject to provisions of the Michigan Election Law that would prescribe dates for elections (as proposed by Senate Bill 439 (S-1)). If necessary to make the transition to the required election dates, the term of office for an elected village official would be extended until a successor took office after being elected in the first odd-year November election.

Senate Bill 442 (S-1) would require a village charter to provide for the time, place, and means of holding elections and the registration of electors as provided in the bill, and other applicable laws. Senate Bill 443 (S-1) would eliminate current provisions that allow annual village trustee elections, and that allow trustee elections in March.

Currently, under the Home Rule Village Act, an election for a president, clerk, or legislative body may be by partisan, nonpartisan, or preferential ballot. Under the General Law Village Act, village elections must be partisan unless there is a village ordinance to require nonpartisan elections. The bills would require village offices, under both Acts, to be filled in a nonpartisan election.

The bills would take effect January 1, 2003, and are tie-barred to Senate Bills 438, 439, and 440.

MCL 78.4 et al. (S.B. 442)  
62.1 et al. (S.B. 443)

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Please see **FISCAL IMPACT** on Senate Bill 438 (S-1).

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