

Legislative Analysis



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House Bill 4861 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Pat Outman
Committee: Election Integrity
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4861 would amend the Michigan Election Law to exclude nonpartisan candidates from a requirement that an affidavit of identity must indicate the candidate's party affiliation, or state that they do not have a party affiliation, for purposes of the applicable election.

The act requires candidates¹ to file an affidavit of identity when filing a nominating petition, qualifying petition, filing fee, or affidavit of candidacy, as applicable, or upon being nominated by a political party.

Among other information required to be included in an affidavit of identity, candidates must indicate their political party or, if they are running without political party affiliation, include a statement indicating that they have no political party affiliation.²

The bill would modify the above requirement so that it would apply only to candidates seeking nomination or election to a partisan office.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

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

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¹ Except candidates for president and vice president.

² This requirement was added in 2021. See <https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Bills/Bill?ObjectName=2021-SB-0212>