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House Bill 4696 (as discharged)
Sponsor: Representative Penelope Tsernoglou
House Committee: Elections
Senate Committee: Elections and Ethics (discharged)

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to make disclosing an election result from an early voting site before election day a Class E felony against Public Trust with a statutory maximum of five years' imprisonment.

The bill is tie-barred to House Bill 4695, which generally would govern early voting as constitutionally enshrined by Proposal 2 of 2022.

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Legislative Analyst: Abby Schneider

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on local government and an indeterminate fiscal impact on the State, considering the Michigan Supreme Court's July 2015 opinion in *People v. Lockridge*, in which the Court ruled that the sentencing guidelines are advisory for all cases. This means that the addition to the guidelines under the bill would not be compulsory for the sentencing judge. As penalties for felony convictions vary, the fiscal impact of any given felony conviction depends on judicial decisions.

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