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## BILL ANALYSIS



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House Bill 6118 (as passed by the House)  
Sponsor: Representative Roger Hauck  
House Committee: Appropriations  
Senate Committee: Committee of the Whole

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**CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Michigan Election Law to provide a one-time extension of the date for counties, cities, and townships to submit, to the Michigan Department of Treasury, a request for the reimbursement of costs associated with the 2020 presidential primary. Current law requires requests for reimbursement to be submitted to the Department of Treasury no later than 90 days after the date of the presidential primary. Ninety days following the May 10, 2020, presidential primary was June 8, 2020. The bill would extend the deadline to September 30, 2020.

Additionally, the bill would eliminate existing provisions related to compensation of costs from processing voter identification cards. Current language requires the State to compensate cities and townships for costs associated with processing voter identification cards for the sole purpose of changing or adding a voter's political party preference. The bill would eliminate this language.

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would require the State to reimburse any counties, cities, or townships that missed the original submission deadline for costs associated with the 2020 presidential primary. The exact cost is indeterminate and would depend on the actual amount of reimbursements requested by the proposed September 30, 2020, deadline.

Based on information received by the Department of State, there were a total of four counties and 156 cities and townships (see the table below) that did not submit a request for reimbursement by the original June 8, 2020, deadline. A total of \$18.0 million was appropriated in FY 2019-20 for reimbursements to counties, cities, and townships and the amount of reimbursements that were requested by the June 8, 2020, deadline totaled \$17.2 million. This leaves an estimated \$800,000 available for reimbursements for those that could submit for reimbursement by the proposed September 30, 2020, deadline.

According to the Department of State data, the reimbursements for the 2020 presidential primary increased by an average of 38%. If all four counties and 156 cities and townships submitted for reimbursements by September 30, 2020, the total of reimbursements are estimated at \$650,000 (assuming the same 38% increase from their 2016 reimbursements). If the actual amount of reimbursements exceeded the estimated \$800,000 that remains available, the Legislature is statutorily required to appropriate the funds necessary to meet the obligation.

<b>Estimated Reimbursement Requests, 2016 and 2020 (Projected)</b>				
<b>County</b>	<b>City or Township</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>2016 Reimbursement</b>	<b>2020 Reimbursement (Projected)</b>
Crawford	-	County	\$26,369	\$36,389
Isabella	-	County	57,874	79,866
Leelanau	-	County	21,548	29,736
Monroe	-	County	88,883	122,659
Allegan	Allegan	City	2,693	3,716
Arenac	Omer	City	618	853
Bay	Auburn	City	1,089	1,503
Bay	Essexville	City	3,239	4,470
Berrien	Buchanan	City	3,261	4,500
Calhoun	Marshall	City	2,243	3,095
Cass	Dowagiac	City	5,067	6,992
Emmet	Harbor Springs	City	1,303	1,798
Gladwin	Beaverton	City	915	1,263
Gogebic	Bessemer	City	1,541	2,127
Mackinac	Mackinac Island	City	1,118	1,543
Macomb	Memphis	City	2,112	2,915
Mason	Scottville	City	1,202	1,659
Newaygo	White Cloud	City	717	989
Oakland	Bloomfield Hills	City	3,050	4,209
Oakland	Clarkston	City	903	1,246
Oakland	Lake Angelus	City	---	---
Oakland	Northville	City	7,989	11,025
Oakland	Sylvan Lake	City	3,411	4,707
Sanilac	Marlette	City	1,026	1,416
Schoolcraft	Manistique	City	2,346	3,237
Alcona	Greenbush	Township	---	---
Alcona	Hawes	Township	1,953	2,695
Alger	Burt	Township	802	1,107
Alger	Onota	Township	1,042	1,438
Allegan	Lee	Township	1,089	1,503
Allegan	Watson	Township	---	---
Alpena	Maple Ridge	Township	597	824
Antrim	Kearney	Township	---	---
Antrim	Mancelona	Township	---	---
Antrim	Star	Township	---	---
Antrim	Warner	Township	664	916
Arenac	Lincoln	Township	---	---
Arenac	Moffatt	Township	---	---
Arenac	Standish	Township	---	---
Baraga	Arvon	Township	1,078	1,488
Bay	Gibson	Township	1,415	1,953
Bay	Kawkawlin	Township	2,710	3,740
Benzie	Colfax	Township	1,024	1,413

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Berrien	Coloma	Township	3,971	5,480
Berrien	Niles	Township	9,232	12,740
Branch	California	Township	1,479	2,041
Branch	Kinderhook	Township	2,204	3,042
Calhoun	Homer	Township	1,099	1,517
Cass	La Grange	Township	2,051	2,830
Cheboygan	Forest	Township	1,888	2,605
Chippewa	Dafter	Township	1,005	1,387
Chippewa	Hulbert	Township	916	1,264
Chippewa	Pickford	Township	1,338	1,846
Chippewa	Raber	Township	---	---
Chippewa	Soo	Township	1,915	2,643
Clare	Franklin	Township	799	1,103
Clare	Hamilton	Township	862	1,190
Clare	Sheridan	Township	1,093	1,508
Delta	Cornell	Township	---	---
Delta	Escanaba	Township	2,524	3,483
Emmet	Little Traverse	Township	1,413	1,950
Emmet	Readmond	Township	1,290	1,780
Emmet	Resort	Township	2,030	2,801
Genesee	Genesee	Township	14,539	20,064
Gladwin	Billings	Township	---	---
Gladwin	Bourret	Township	1,617	2,231
Gladwin	Grim	Township	377	520
Gogebic	Bessemer	Township	805	1,111
Grand Traverse	Mayfield	Township	1,169	1,613
Gratiot	New Haven	Township	---	---
Gratiot	Wheeler	Township	829	1,144
Hillsdale	Adams	Township	1,018	1,405
Hillsdale	Allen	Township	---	---
Houghton	Osceola	Township	3,801	5,245
Huron	McKinley	Township	976	1,347
Huron	Meade	Township	744	1,027
Huron	Oliver	Township	996	1,374
Huron	Paris	Township	776	1,071
Ingham	Onondaga	Township	1,032	1,424
Ionia	Danby	Township	---	---
Ionia	Easton	Township	---	---
Ionia	Keene	Township	2,175	3,002
Iosco	Sherman	Township	769	1,061
Iron	Hematite	Township	1,514	2,089
Isabella	Lincoln	Township	---	---
Kalamazoo	Prairie Ronde	Township	2,023	2,792
Kalamazoo	Wakeshma	Township	1,508	2,081

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Kalkaska	Blue Lake	Township	1,795	2,477
Keweenaw	Grant	Township	1,123	1,550
Keweenaw	Houghton	Township	1,100	1,518
Lake	Dover	Township	2,313	3,192
Lake	Pleasant Plains	Township	2,519	3,476
Lake	Webber	Township	3,116	4,300
Lake	Yates	Township	3,037	4,191
Lapeer	Burlington	Township	1,694	2,338
Leelanau	Leelanau	Township	1,980	2,732
Luce	McMillan	Township	---	---
Mackinac	Brevort	Township	1,090	1,504
Mackinac	Hudson	Township	---	---
Manistee	Marilla	Township	728	1,005
Marquette	Humboldt	Township	1,153	1,591
Marquette	Michigamme	Township	1,431	1,975
Marquette	Richmond	Township	636	878
Marquette	Turin	Township	435	600
Mason	Eden	Township	465	642
Mecosta	Deerfield	Township	1,067	1,472
Menominee	Cedarville	Township	711	981
Menominee	Holmes	Township	830	1,145
Menominee	Lake	Township	805	1,111
Menominee	Mellen	Township	---	---
Menominee	Meyer	Township	1,022	1,410
Midland	Homer	Township	2,902	4,005
Midland	Hope	Township	1,678	2,316
Montcalm	Montcalm	Township	890	1,228
Newaygo	Ashland	Township	1,869	2,579
Newaygo	Beaver	Township	---	---
Newaygo	Bridgeton	Township	852	1,176
Newaygo	Croton	Township	982	1,355
Newaygo	Denver	Township	654	903
Newaygo	Grant	Township	1,134	1,565
Newaygo	Home	Township	585	807
Newaygo	Sheridan	Township	---	---
Newaygo	Sherman	Township	924	1,275
Newaygo	Troy	Township	651	898
Ogemaw	Goodar	Township	700	966
Ogemaw	Logan	Township	1,144	1,579
Ontonagon	Greenland	Township	650	897
Ontonagon	Interior	Township	461	636
Osceola	Marion	Township	973	1,343
Oscoda	Greenwood	Township	2,241	3,093
Otsego	Chester	Township	624	861

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Otsego	Livingston	Township	1,201	1,657
Ottawa	Tallmadge	Township	4,801	6,625
Presque Isle	Presque Isle	Township	---	---
Saginaw	Jonesfield	Township	1,053	1,453
St. Clair	Kimball	Township	---	---
St. Joseph	Burr Oak	Township	1,052	1,452
St. Joseph	Fabius	Township	2,891	3,990
St. Joseph	Fawn River	Township	1,332	1,838
St. Joseph	Florence	Township	725	1,001
Sanilac	Austin	Township	---	---
Sanilac	Marlette	Township	935	1,290
Schoolcraft	Germfask	Township	817	1,127
Schoolcraft	Mueller	Township	435	600
Schoolcraft	Seney	Township	688	949
Schoolcraft	Thompson	Township	947	1,307
Shiawassee	Sciota	Township	815	1,125
Shiawassee	Vernon	Township	3,545	4,892
Tuscola	Elkland	Township	2,284	3,152
Tuscola	Koylton	Township	1,633	2,254
Van Buren	Bloomington	Township	1,640	2,263
Van Buren	Porter	Township	2,060	2,843
Washtenaw	Lima	Township	2,786	3,845
Washtenaw	Saline	Township	---	---
Washtenaw	Sharon	Township	1,295	1,787
Wayne	Redford	Township	57,753	79,699
Wexford	Greenwood	Township	1,612	2,225
Wexford	Hanover	Township	750	1,035
Wexford	Slagle	Township	607	838
Wexford	South Branch	Township	1,283	1,771
<b>Total .....</b>			<b>\$470,572</b>	<b>\$649,389</b>

Source: Michigan Department of State

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