House Bill No. 5133, entitled
A bill to amend 1965 PA 203, entitled “Michigan commission on law enforcement standards act,” by amending sections 9 and 9b (MCL 28.609 and 28.609b), as amended by 2018 PA 552.

Was read a second time, and the question being on the adoption of the proposed substitute (H-1) previously recommended by the Committee on Government Operations,
The substitute (H-1) was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.
Rep. Posthumus moved that the bill be placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.
The motion prevailed.

Messages from the Governor

The following veto message from the Governor was received and read:

Executive Office, Lansing, November 30, 2021
Michigan House of Representatives
State Capitol Building
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

Representatives,
Today, I am returning Enrolled House Bill 4305 without my approval.
From day 1, I have said that state government must be open, transparent, and accountable to taxpayers. An accountable state government starts with an accountable campaign finance system, and the Michigan Campaign Finance Act already lacks key protections that would shine a light on the dark money in our elections.
HB 4305 changes reporting requirements for fundraising events without strengthening campaign finance laws in Michigan one iota. For that reason, I am vetoing it.
I would be delighted to consider bipartisan legislation that:
• Ends the “express advocacy” reporting exception by creating a threshold definition for electioneering in the Michigan Campaign Finance Act;
• Bans foreign money in Michigan elections, as state law only bars it from super PACs; and,
• Tightens LLC reporting requirements to ensure that no secret or foreign money enters our elections.

Respectfully,
Gretchen Whitmer
Governor

The question being on the passage of the bill, the objections of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding,
Rep. Frederick moved that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Elections and Ethics.
The motion prevailed.

The following veto message from the Governor was received and read:

Executive Office, Lansing, November 30, 2021
Michigan House of Representatives
State Capitol Building
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Representatives,
Today, I am returning Enrolled House Bill 5259 without my approval.
Every two years, the Supreme Court Administrative Office produces the Judicial Resources Recommendation, which provides guidance on court capacity. The 2019 report identified five counties that require new judicial resources, including Wayne County and Kent County, which each require three additional judges.
HB 5259 would add a fourth circuit judge for Ottawa County. This legislation has arrived on my desk alone – unaccompanied by bills that would fill judicial needs in other parts of the state. Because HB 5259 does not satisfy the need for new judges to be added in a way that reflects the state’s geographic and demographic balance, I am vetoing it.
Nevertheless, I would be delighted to support legislation that accords with both the Judicial Resources Recommendation and the need for geographic and demographic balance in distribution of new judges. Senate Bill 694, sponsored by Sen. Bumstead (R-Newaygo), is just one example of legislation that aims to allow for additional judges in a more equitable way.

Respectfully,
Gretchen Whitmer
Governor

The question being on the passage of the bill, the objections of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding, Rep. Frederick moved that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The motion prevailed.

Rep. Frederick moved that House Committees be given leave to meet during the balance of today’s session. The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent the House returned to the order of

Motions and Resolutions

Rep. Frederick moved that when the House adjourns today it stand adjourned until Thursday, December 2, at 10:00 a.m.

The motion prevailed.

Announcement by the Clerk of Printing and Enrollment

The Clerk announced that the following bills and joint resolutions had been reproduced and made available electronically on Tuesday, November 30:

House Bill Nos. 5563 5564 5565 5566 5567 5568 5569 5570 5571 5572 5573 5574 5575 5576 5577 5578 5579 5580 5581 5582 5583 5584 5585

House Joint Resolutions K L

The Clerk announced that the following bills had been reproduced and made available electronically on Wednesday, December 1:

Senate Bill Nos. 759 760 761 762 763 764

The Clerk announced that the following Senate bill had been received on Wednesday, December 1:

Senate Bill No. 656

Reports of Standing Committees

The Committee on Local Government and Municipal Finance, by Rep. Calley, Chair, reported

Senate Bill No. 723, entitled

A bill to amend 1992 PA 147, entitled “Neighborhood enterprise zone act,” by amending section 4 (MCL 207.774), as amended by 2021 PA 70.

Without amendment and with the recommendation that the bill pass.

The bill was referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Calley, Bezotte, Howell, Alexander, Bellino, Berman, Paquette, Slagh, Ellison, Sowerby, Kuppa and Cavanagh

Nays: None