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:

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:

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.