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Sponsor(s): Senators Snyder, Spanel and Constantine

Brief Description: Revising primary election law.

**SB 6178 - DIGEST**

Declares an intent to create a primary for all elected offices, other than president and vice president, that: (1) Allows all voters, including independents and those unaffiliated with a political party, to participate;

(2) Preserves the privacy of voters' ballot selection and party affiliation, if any;

(3) Rejects mandatory voter registration by political party;

(4) Protects ballot access for minor political parties and independent candidates;

(5) Maintains the right of any candidate to self-identify with any major political party; and

(6) Upholds a political party's First Amendment right of association.