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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 26-133—sHB 5352
Government Oversight Committee

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE ELECTIONS
ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION AND MANDATORY DISMISSAL OF
COMPLAINTS**

SUMMARY: Existing law generally requires the State Elections Enforcement Commission (SEEC) to dismiss a complaint if it does not issue a final decision within one year of receiving it. The deadline may be extended for delays caused by (1) SEEC granting an extension or continuance to the respondent or (2) complaint-related subpoenas or litigation or investigations by, or consultations with, certain prosecutorial agencies.

This act exempts from this deadline complaints received on or after October 1, 2026, about potential violations of prohibited acts under state election law (such as fraudulent registration, fraudulent voting, tampering with ballots, or various types of misconduct by election officials). The law already exempts complaints regarding potential violations of state election law by foreign nationals.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026