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## **PA 71 of 2005 Establishes July 19 as Filing Deadline for September 13 Village Election**

On Thursday, July 14, 2005, SB 513 was signed into law with immediate effect (PA 71 of 2005). The new law establishes the filing deadline for the September 13 village election at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19, 2005 (eighth Tuesday prior to the election). The candidate withdrawal deadline will elapse at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 22, 2005.

It is important to note that PA 71 of 2005 sets the filing deadline for all subsequent odd-year September village elections (2007 and beyond) on the twelfth Tuesday prior to the election.

An updated September 13, 2005 village election date calendar is available on the Department's website <[www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos)>.

## **County Based Community Colleges That Wish to Maintain Even-Year November Elections Urged to Adopt Resolution Prior to August 16, 2005**

County-based community colleges that wish to continue to elect their board positions on the even-year November general election date are urged to adopt a resolution as permitted under Michigan election law, MCL 168.642a(4) as amended under PA 71 of 2005, prior to August 16, 2005. (August 16, 2005 is the filing deadline for the upcoming November 8, 2005 general election.)

Prior to the adoption of the resolution, the community college board must conduct at least one public hearing on the resolution pursuant to the requirements set forth under MCL 168.642.