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May 2, 2025

*(Conducted Via Teleconference and [Webinar](#))*

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**Summary:** At present, the bill does the following:

- Requires a locality to “adopt an *instant permitting process for home power installations*” that is “capable of processing home power applications for at least the majority of *home power installations* ... in this state.”
  - Counties cannot prevent eligible home power installations from using the instant permitting process.
  - Counties must provide copies of approved permits to the fire agency that has jurisdiction.
  - **Limited** to “*single-family or two-family dwellings*.”
  - **Implementation** is required by January 1, 2027, except that a Board may delay implementation until June 30, 2028.
  - **Flexibilities** include that the Board may “*suspend a contractor or an engineer from using the instant permitting process*” under certain conditions.
  - **Exemptions** include **(a)** unpermitted structures, **(b)** structures built before the locality had adopted a building code, **(c)** mobile homes, **(d)** structures that do not require a permit, and **(e)** structures developed through a “*contractor self-issued permitting process*.”
- Requires a locality to “*provide an option for home power building inspections for a single-family or two-family dwelling to be performed through a single remote field report*.”
  - **Limited** to **(a)** “*single-family or two-family dwellings*,” **(b)** “*the same cost as or a lower cost than a county in-person building inspection*,” and **(c)** availability within “*the same time frame or a shorter time frame than the time frame for an in-person building inspection*.”



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- **Implementation** is required by July 1, 2027, but see **exemptions** below.
  - A Board can **exempt** “*certain categories of home power building inspections from being performed through a single remote field report*” to protect the public’s health and safety.
  - **Flexibilities** include – in addition to the **exemption** authority above – the following: **(a)** the ability of a county to establish “*in-person audits of remote field reports*” – though the in-person audits cannot be an extra charge, and the county must track how many remote field reports it audits – and **(b)** suspension of a contractor or engineer from using the instant permitting process.
  - Counties are **not liable** for an inspection, issuance of a permit, or any other approval (*or a failure to revoke or suspend a permit or any other approval*) unless the employee or entity’s inspection, approval, or failure to revoke/suspend was grossly negligent.
  - Requires localities to post a compliance report on their website when they achieve compliance with requirements for an **instant permitting process** and **remote field reports**, including the date of compliance, a description of the software used, confirmation, and an explanation of why the county estimates that the instant permitting process has the capability to process “*home power applications submitted for at least the majority of the types of home power installations*” (which can be based on estimates made by the software provider).
  - **Definitions:**
    - An **instant permitting process** means **(a)** “*a permitting process that uses an existing commercially available qualified online automated permitting platform that issues home power building permits and home power building permit revisions instantly on submission of a code-compliant application for a home power building permit and the payment of any required fees,*” **(b)** “*includes online payment of home power building permitting fees, if applicable,*” and **(c)** “*does not include manual review at any time during or after the application, review, or issuance of a home power building permit.*”
    - A **home power installation** “*includes a solar photovoltaic installation, an energy storage installation or a combination of a solar photovoltaic installation and energy storage installation that provides electrical power to a single-family or two-family dwelling, along with any associated infrastructure and equipment, including main panel upgrades and main panel derates.*”
    - A **single remote field report** “*means a home power building inspection performed by the county based on either of the following methods: (a) photos and videos taken on-site and sent to the county to review remotely and asynchronously, (b) a video conference with the home power building installer or the homeowner.*”
- 2) Bills for UPDATES
- a. **SCR 1008:** municipalities; counties; vote; fee increases (*Petersen*)  
**Summary:** Requires a Board of Supervisors, or a city/town Council, to reach a two-thirds threshold to “*levy or impose an increase in any assessment, tax, or fee.*”



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- b. [HCR 2002](#): voting centers; precinct voting (*Keshel*)

**Summary:** Repeals the ability of a Board of Supervisors to designate voting centers “*in place of or in addition to specifically designated polling places.*” Caps precincts at 1,000 registered voters “*at the time precincts are designated.*” Repeals on-site early voting.

- c. [HCR 2013](#): early ballots; deadlines; foreign money (*Kolodin*)

**Summary:**

- **On-site early voting.**
  - Extends on-site early voting through the Monday preceding Election Day.
    - Specifies that individuals who vote “personally” at on-site early voting locations do not need to have their signatures subsequently verified by an early election board.
  - Eliminates the ability of a Board to establish emergency voting centers.
- **Early ballots.**
  - **Voting locations:**
    - **No ID required** from the start of early voting through the Friday preceding Election Day.
    - **ID required** from the Saturday preceding Election Day through Election Day.
  - **Recorder’s Office: No ID required** through the end of Election Day.
  - **Mail:** Unchanged; deliver to Recorder/Officer In-Charge by end of Election Day.
  - **Drop boxes: No ID required** through the end of Election Day.
- **Active Early Voter List (AEVL).**
  - Requires large counties (> 500,000 persons) to require confirmation of voting address every election cycle.
  - Requires medium-sized and small counties (< 500,000 persons) to require confirmation of voting address every four years.
  - If a ballot is returned “undeliverable,” voter is immediately moved to inactive status.
- **Voting locations.**
  - Repeals ability of a public school to opt-out of being used as a polling place.
- **Foreign contributions.**
  - Contributions from foreign governments to candidates/committees – and donations to entities for election admin. – prohibited.
- **Errata.**
  - Repeals requirement that early ballots returned to each voting location must be counted on Election Day and posted online.

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