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REPORT SUMMARY

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The Bureau of Elections' (BOE's) mission is to improve the integrity of the administration of elections, to ensure the fairness of the electoral process, and to encourage the fullest possible participation by Michigan citizens in all aspects of the electoral process. BOE carries out the responsibilities assigned to the Secretary of State under the Michigan Election Law, the Campaign Finance Act, the Lobby Registration Act, provisions of the Casino Interest Registration Act, and the National Voter Registration Act.

Audit Objective:
To assess BOE's effectiveness in complying with reporting and disclosure requirements of the Campaign Finance Act, Lobby Registration Act, and Casino Interest Registration Act.

Audit Conclusion:
BOE was generally effective in complying with reporting and disclosure requirements of the Campaign Finance Act, Lobby Registration Act, and Casino Interest Registration Act. However we noted reportable conditions related to the dissolution of candidate committees and prohibited contributions (Findings 1 and 2).

Noteworthy Accomplishments:
Michigan received an award from the California Voter Foundation for its efforts to implement programs that provide electronic filing of, and Internet access to, campaign finance records.

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Audit Objective:
To assess BOE's effectiveness in providing reliable and secure registered voter information in the Qualified Voter File (QVF).

Audit Conclusion:
BOE was generally effective in providing reliable and secure registered voter information contained in the QVF. However, we noted reportable conditions related to the QVF and risk assessment (Findings 3 and 4).

Noteworthy Accomplishments:
Michigan received recognition from two election reform studies for its development and implementation of its QVF.

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Audit Objective:
To assess BOE's effectiveness in administering election law and other required training programs in compliance with the Michigan Election Law.

Audit Conclusion:
BOE was generally effective in administering election law and other required training programs in compliance with the Michigan Election Law. However, we noted a reportable condition related to the training of election officials (Finding 5).

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Agency Response:
BOE agreed with all 5 recommendations.

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