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Representatives,

Today, I am vetoing Enrolled House Bills 4191, 4192, 4193, and 4194. Because the session at which these bills were passed has finally adjourned, my disapproval means they will not become law (1963 Const. Art. VI, sec. 33).

Together, these bills set up a program for parolees to more easily receive driver's licenses and state identification cards. These bills streamline a vitally important step for re-entry into society for those individuals recently released from prison.

I fully support the policy behind these bills. Unfortunately, many of these bills' provisions conflict with recent changes I signed into law during the last legislative session in 2023 PA 260 (amending MCL 257.307), 2023 PA 261 (amending MCL 28.291), and 2023 PA 262 (amending MCL 28.305). These laws make important clarifications to the automatic voter registration process and are scheduled to go into effect on June 30, 2025. If I sign Enrolled House Bills 4191, 4192, 4193, and 4194 at the close of this session, the conflicting provisions in those bills will override these important changes to the automatic voter registration process before they become effective due to a technical error in drafting, as they amend the same statutory sections in different ways.

For the foregoing reasons, I am vetoing these bills. Unfortunately, this action is a necessary consequence of the Legislature's failure to reconcile the text of these bills with existing law. I look forward to working with the current Legislature on passing this important criminal justice reform issue in the near future.

Respectfully,

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor