

**MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 116 of 1954**

**168.193 Candidate for county offices; nominating petitions; signatures; form; filing fee in lieu of nominating petitions; deposit of fee; refund; forfeiture of deposit.**

Sec. 193. (1) To obtain the printing of the name of a person as a candidate for nomination by a political party for an office named in section 191 under a particular party heading upon the official primary ballots, there shall be filed with the county clerk nominating petitions signed by a number of qualified and registered electors residing within the county as determined under section 544f. Nominating petitions shall be in the form prescribed in section 544c. Until December 31, 2013, the county clerk shall receive nominating petitions up to 4 p.m. of the twelfth Tuesday before the August primary. Beginning January 1, 2014, the county clerk shall receive nominating petitions up to 4 p.m. of the fifteenth Tuesday before the August primary.

(2) To obtain the printing of the name of a candidate of a political party under the particular party's heading upon the primary election ballots in the various voting precincts of the county, there may be filed by the candidate, in lieu of filing nomination petitions, a filing fee of \$100.00 to be paid to the county clerk. Payment of the fee and certification of the candidate's name paying the fee shall be governed by the same provisions as in the case of nominating petitions. The fee shall be deposited in the general fund of the county and shall be refunded to candidates who are nominated and to an equal number of candidates who receive the next highest number of votes in the primary election. If 2 or more candidates tie in having the lowest number of votes allowing a refund, the sum of \$100.00 shall be divided among them. The deposits of all other defeated candidates, as well as the deposits of candidates who withdraw or are disqualified, shall be forfeited and the candidates shall be notified of the forfeiture. Deposits forfeited under this section shall be paid into and credited to the general fund of the county.

**History:** 1954, Act 116, Eff. June 1, 1955;—Am. 1963, 2nd Ex. Sess., Act 35, Eff. Mar. 24, 1964;—Am. 1976, Act 3, Imd. Eff. Feb. 3, 1976;—Am. 1990, Act 7, Imd. Eff. Feb. 12, 1990;—Am. 1996, Act 583, Eff. Mar. 31, 1997;—Am. 1999, Act 218, Eff. Mar. 10, 2000;—Am. 2012, Act 276, Eff. Aug. 16, 2012.

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